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## The SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism

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Doctors spend arduous and long years in their attempt to gain knowledge and skills to discharge their duties as registered medical practitioners. The clinical skills and knowledge alone do not protect the doctor from the ethical and legal minefields in their medical career. In addition it is not uncommon to receive letters of complaints to the SMC, SMA Ethics Committee, the Ministry of Health, hospital directors and even Members of Parliament. Letters of complaints and explanations not only burden the already time tied doctor but invokes a lot of heartaches.

To ensure that doctors can perform the duties effectively and achieve a gratifying medical practice both for the doctor and the patient, the medical expertise must be complimented and supplemented by the exercise of professionalism, application of medical ethics, knowledge of health law and the ideal of service as the basis of medical practise.

Doctors need to be educated in

- 1) Professionalism
- 2) Medical Ethics
- 3) Health Law
- 4) Practice Management.

To achieve this the SMA has set up the SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism. The core purpose of

the Centre is to develop and promote the art and science of medical ethics and medical practice and their application for the betterment of patient care and public health.

In addition to the tremendous progress made in the medical sciences, the delivery of health and medical services have become more complex

where doctors work with a large team of allied medical professionals, administrators and third party payers. The doctors collectively through professional bodies and individually should take responsibility and provide leadership on the development and optimal application of medical ethics in this new complex health care system.

### Medical Professionalism – Our Badge and Our Pledge

Sat, 10 June 2000, Lecture Hall, National Cancer Centre Level 4, 2-5 pm

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| 1.30 pm | Registration   |
| 2.00 pm | Opening Address<br>by A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, President of SMA   |
| 2.15 pm | Keynote address – “Medical Professionalism: Our Badge and Our Pledge”<br>by Prof SY Tan, Professor of Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Hawaii<br>Director, The St Francis International Centre for Healthcare Ethics   |
| 3.00 pm | Vision of the SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism<br>by Dr T. Thiru Moorthy, Director, SMA Centre for Ethics & Professionalism   |
| 3.10 pm | SMA Centre for Ethics & Professionalism Foundation Laying Ceremony   |
| 3.15 pm | Tea Break  |
| 3.35 pm | Panel Discussion (I) – In response to the keynote address<br>- Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore (ICPAS)<br>- The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES)<br>- The Law Society of Singapore (LS)<br>- Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)<br>- Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers (SISV)<br>- Singapore Medical Association (SMA) |
| 4.45 pm | Panel Discussion (II) – open to the floor  |
| 5.30 pm | Close  |

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ADMISSION IS FREE

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