

# News from SMA Council

By Dr Yue Wai Mun, Honorary Secretary

## 1. ADVERTISEMENT ON "HAIR LOSS IN MEN" (STRAITS TIMES, 9 SEP 2001)

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) is very concerned and is closely monitoring the current trend of "non-product specific" advertisements appearing in the newspapers and other media. Although these "non-product specific" advertisements make no mention of any particular brand of products and do not seem to fall under the definition of product advertisement and promotion under the Medicines Act, HSA will look into the matter further and take appropriate follow-up action.

## 2. CONGRATULATIONS

The 42<sup>nd</sup> SMA Council extends its congratulations and best wishes to the following SMA Members:

### a. New Appointments in the Ministries

- i. A/Prof Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of State, Ministry of National Development (wef 1 Jan 2002)  
\*Dr Balakrishnan is also an SMA Council Member.
- ii. Dr Sadasivan Balaji, Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Environment
- iii. Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower (wef 1 Jan 2002)

### b. General Election 2001

- i. Dr Ong Seh Hong (Aljunied)
- ii. Dr Sadasivan Balaji (Ang Mo Kio)
- iii. Dr Tan Cheng Bock (Ayer Rajah)
- iv. Dr Ng Eng Hen (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
- v. A/Prof Vivian Balakrishnan (Holland-Bukit Panjang)
- vi. Dr Lily Tirtasana Neo (Jalan Besar)
- vii. Dr Warren Lee (Sembawang)

### c. Singapore Medical Council Election 2001

- i. A/Prof Ho Nai Kiong (until 5 Nov 2004)
- ii. Dr Tan Kok Soo (until 5 Nov 2004)
- iii. Dr Richard Guan (until 18 May 2002)

## 3. MAILERS TO MORE THAN ONE SMA MEMBER AT THE SAME RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Some SMA Members have indicated that they prefer to receive only one set of mailers at their residential address even when one or more of their family members (staying at the same address) is/are SMA Members. This can be arranged. SMA Members who wish to opt for one set of mailers, please fill in the box provided below and fax to SMA Secretariat at 224 7827:

### PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SMA SECRETARIAT AT FAX: 224 7827

Pertaining to mailers to SMA Members, we wish to receive only ONE SET at the following residential address:

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Names and MCR Numbers of SMA Members staying at the same residential address:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ MCR No.: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ MCR No.: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ MCR No.: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ MCR No.: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTE:

- a) *This option is accepted on the understanding that the member is not entitled to reduced subscriptions.*
- b) *Members may revert to receiving more than one set of mailers, at any time, by giving two weeks' notification to the SMA Secretariat.*