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# SMA NEWS

## SMJ Full-Text Articles Now One-Click Away within PubMed

By A/Prof Goh Lee Gan

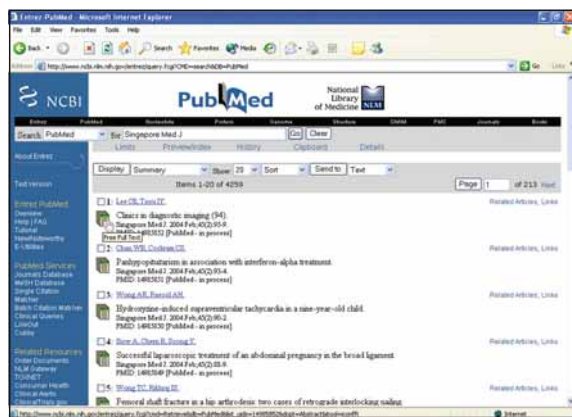


Figure 1

### FROM FULL-TEXT TO PUBMED LINKOUT

Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ) readers have been able to access the full-text of every SMJ article since the Singapore Medical Association (SMA) started the online full-text service with the SMJ January 1997 issue at [www.sma.org.sg](http://www.sma.org.sg). Being online, the full texts are available twenty-four hours a day. This is convenient and always timely.

Today, the SMA is pleased to announce that with effect from the January 2004 issue of the SMJ, we are one more step closer to SMJ readers. The full-text article is now accessible from the PubMed Medline search by the LinkOut feature. Just click on the icon (see Figure 1) to get to the full text.

With this LinkOut feature, contributors to the SMJ can expect to have their fruits of labour shared with readers worldwide, twenty-four hours a day. Certainly, what they have written will have a chance to have a larger impact.

### INDEXED JOURNAL

The SMJ has been indexed in Medline with its citation and abstract data since 1960. The earliest article was a paper on two cases of pyopericardium by Choo JE and Tay G<sup>1</sup>. As at 15 March 2004, the SMJ has 4,271 entries in the PubMed Medline.

### BEING ON PUBMED MEDLINE LINKOUT

The SMJ editorial team ensures that all SMJ articles are available online on the SMJ website at least two weeks in advance of receipt by post of the printed journal. The SMJ editorial team has, with the appointment of a journal webmaster, now successfully started direct electronic submission of article citations and abstracts to the U.S.A. National Library of Medicine's PubMed system<sup>2</sup>.

### BEHIND THE SCENE

It is perhaps pertinent to highlight the people who worked quietly all these years since 1960, to reach where we are today. The SMJ was first published in March 1960 with the formation of SMA as a separate entity from the Malaysian Medical Association. Prior to that, the local Alumni Association had been publishing the "Proceedings of the Alumni Association of Malaysia". With the founding of SMA, it was renamed the Singapore Medical Journal. Dr Gwee Ah Leng, former Medical Director of Singapore General Hospital, was its first Editor. In 1966, the SMA Newsletter was launched by Dr Arthur Lim (Dr Au Kah Kay, SMA News January 1997).

Between then and now were editors, editorial assistants, course contributors, reviewers and the SMA Secretariat staff. Together, the successive editors have sailed the ship, and under their stewardship, the SMJ has continued to be a



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### SMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date** : Sunday, 18 April 2004

**Time** : 2.00 – 5.00pm

**Venue** : Alumni Auditorium

### SMA ANNUAL DINNER

**Guest-of-Honour: Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Acting Minister for Health, and Senior Minister of State for Finance**

**Date** : Saturday, 8 May 2004

**Time** : 6.45pm

**Venue** : Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

*For enquiries and sale of dinner tables, please contact the SMA Secretariat at Tel: 6223 1264.*

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forum for readers and writers on medical practice in this region. They have together created the 45 volumes of the SMJ that is the Singapore medical profession's heritage today.

The immediate past Editor, Dr C Rajasoorya, in his valedictory editorial, gave us snapshots of editing the medical journal<sup>3</sup>. We must thank him for spending four years to build up the SMJ. And the present Editor, Prof Wilfred Peh, has already charted the course<sup>4</sup>.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations are due to Prof Wilfred Peh, his SMJ editorial team and the SMA Secretariat staff for bringing the SMJ

closer to international researchers and readers through the PubMed Medline LinkOut. ■

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