

# The Hobbit's SingaporeMedicine Quiz: How much do you know about SingaporeMedicine?



In the tradition of our local medical school, here is a True or False MCQ Quiz on SingaporeMedicine. Please circle “true” or “false” after each of the four statements of a question. As usual, it is +1 for a correct answer and -1 for a wrong answer.

### What is SingaporeMedicine?

1. A branch of Medicine only practised in Singapore. True / False
2. A sub-specialty of medicine introduced into Singapore after Singapore discovered the existence of Bumrungrad Hospital. True / False
3. The branch of medicine in Singapore that aims to make money by getting the well-heeled in the region to consume medical resources in Singapore. True / False
4. The insensitive activities practised by the shiny little red dot when their hospitals and doctors descend on neighbouring countries in road shows aimed at highlighting their technical superiority over their apparently less medically advanced natives. True / False

### Why should we doctors support SingaporeMedicine?

1. Because locals cannot support the Singaporean doctors' lifestyles. True / False
2. Because we need the foreign patients' relatives to fill up our lackluster shopping malls. True / False
3. Because Bumrungrad exists. True / False
4. Because the overworked public sector doctors will then have a stronger reason to quit for the private sector. True / False

### What is the biggest obstacle to SingaporeMedicine becoming a success?

1. Laws that prevent advertising and promotion. True / False
2. Lack of suitable accommodation for families of patients who want to cook etc. True / False
3. Singapore doctors and Singapore hospitals are mauling each other and cannot work together due to personality and turf issues. True / False
4. High cost of business, including land and manpower costs. True / False

### How can one kick-start SingaporeMedicine?

1. Galvanise the local players by getting in some insensitive obnoxious foreign party to compete and offend doctors, like what happened several years ago. (But in that case, the other party did not really compete. They were just insensitive.) True / False
2. Buy a big chunk of Bumrungrad. True / False
3. Use teleradiology outsourcing to scare local doctors first. True / False
4. Show doctors the money. True / False

### How should we position SingaporeMedicine?

1. As not so expensive and not so bad. True / False
2. As a Conjoint Twin Separation Centre. True / False
3. With good dialysis funding available. True / False
4. We should put foreigners first – most locals do not get air-conditioning in the wards. True / False

**What are our strengths?**

1. We used to be the world's Number One Sex Change Centre. True / False
2. We made discoveries such as the Tay's Disease and the embryological development of the pancreas. True / False
3. We do whatever the Americans suggest is the best for us, like the JCI. True / False
4. We have a lot of Datuks conferred by foreign governments which means we must be good. True / False

**What is the main challenge of SingaporeMedicine?**

1. Finding parking in Mount Elizabeth Hospital. True / False
2. Finding parking in Gleneagles Hospital. True / False
3. Finding parking in Thomson Medical Centre. True / False
4. Finding parking in the Singapore General Hospital. True / False

**Does Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) have a role in SingaporeMedicine?**

1. Dunno, because we really have no idea what TCM is about anyway. True / False
2. Yes, because they can then compete less with the GPs in the housing estates. True / False
3. Yes, because hardly anyone sues TCM practitioners. True / False
4. Yes, because foreigners do not need medical certificates. True / False

**What is Spa Medicine?**

1. It is not to be confused with what you get between clusters, which is spar medicine (never any knockouts). True / False
2. Medicine that impoverishes the patient and yet makes the patient feel good (unlike normal medicine, which likewise impoverishes but makes the patient feel darn lousy). True / False
3. Pungently aromatic medicine usually practised in a bath tub with New Age music. True / False
4. Something that has the same effect as an anxiolytic but costs 5,000 times more. True / False

**How do we train doctors to be proficient in Spa Medicine?**

1. Give them a log book and send them to spas. True / False
2. Start a Spa Medicine Register. True / False
3. Ban Evidence Based Medicine from our medical curriculum. True / False
4. Just let doctors work in spas or own them. True / False

**Can the public sector hospitals spearhead SingaporeMedicine?**

1. Yes, because some of them look to be in much better physical shape than the private hospitals. True / False
2. No, because all the ex-senior staff of public hospitals are in the private hospitals anyway. True / False
3. Not when you have a building with a large and well-lit signboard "Mortuary" facing the main road (Outram Road) as in the case of the Singapore General Hospital. True / False
4. Not when your newest and most beautiful general hospital is called 'SARS Central' and has a national communicable disease centre parked right next to it (Tan Tock Seng Hospital). True / False

**What is the best way to publicise SingaporeMedicine on the internet?**

1. The SingaporeMedicine website, of course! True / False
2. Get Talkingcock.com to write about SingaporeMedicine. True / False
3. Make sure the information is available under Google search for 'tammynyp.com'. True / False
4. Get Mr Brown to do a podcast on SingaporeMedicine. True / False

**Answers**

The Hobbit really does not care or know. And neither should you, to this completely irrelevant and irreverent quiz. Hope you had fun!