

By Dr Raymond Chua, Honorary Secretary

News from SMA Council

I. ARREST OF HOUSEBREAKERS (INVOLVING DORMICUM & OTHER DRUGS)

The SMA has received notification from the police on 26 June 2006 of a recent case of break-in at a clinic in Toa Payoh and the arrest of two housebreakers who were responsible for the break-in.

According to the police, the culprits are possibly abusers of Dormicum tablets and they work in pairs by tampering with the rear windows of the clinics in order to gain access. Items stolen include cash and various types of drugs including Dormicum and Valium. The culprits have since been charged in court and investigations are still ongoing.

Members are reminded to remain vigilant and to adopt the following measures:

- a. Install good quality locks and grilles and secure all doors and windows after closing hours.
- b. Secure all doors and windows when leaving your clinic unattended, even for a short while.
- c. Do not keep large sums of cash in the clinic. Expensive and highly sought-after medicine is to be kept under lock and key at all times.

2. HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PORTAL

The Ministry of Health has just launched the Health Professionals Portal (HPP) on 1 June 2006. This is a one-stop portal that supports healthcare professionals in their clinical practice, training and continuing education. Healthcare professionals will be able to access various e-services and information by using a single log-in through HPP's common interface. To learn more about HPP, please go to <http://www.hpp.moh.gov.sg>. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

a. SMA Medical Convention

The upcoming SMA Medical Convention on **19 August 2006 (Saturday)**, 1-5pm, will provide a forum for doctors to discuss Managed Healthcare, including the professional and ethical concerns. This year's Guest-of-Honour is Permanent Secretary for Health, Ms Yong Ying-I.

Please note that the venue has been changed to:

Diamond Room, Level 2, SAFRA Mt Faber, 2 Telok Blangah Way, Singapore 098803.

b. SMA Ethics Convention

This year's Convention will be held on **14 and 15 October 2006**. Please mark your calendar.