

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

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Clarifications to LIA pre-authorisation form

The Life Insurance Association (LIA) has issued a Clarification Note to accompany the standard LIA pre-authorisation form for integrated shield plans. It clarifies that doctors are required to only indicate co-morbidities that are relevant to the treatment. "Relevant" being the co-morbidities that may impact treatment or are medically linked to the condition that the patient is being admitted for.

It further clarifies that insurers will obtain the patient's consent for the insurer to receive information provided by the doctor in the pre-authorisation form. This will precede the doctor's completion of the pre-authorisation form.

More details are available at <http://bit.ly/31QUoOa> and <http://bit.ly/31RAGBG>.

Visit from the *Medical Journal of Indonesia*

On 31 January 2020, staff from the *Medical Journal of Indonesia*, including Dr Agus Rizal, Editor-in-Chief, and Felix Widjaja, Managing Editor, visited the SMA office for an afternoon of information exchange and sharing with staff of the *Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ)*. During the three-hour session, *SMJ* staff exchanged ideas and shared best practices on journal management, manuscript processing and publication. It was a fruitful meeting that has strengthened ties between journals in the region. ♦



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1. Group photo of the MJI editorial team and SMJ/SMA staff