

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

Report by Dr Ng Chew Lip

Dr Ng is an ENT consultant in public service. After a day of doctoring and cajoling the kids at home to finish their food, his idea of relaxation is watching a drama serial with his lovely wife and occasionally throwing some paint on a canvas.



SMJ's five-year impact factor now at 2.053

The Council is happy to share that the *Singapore Medical Journal's* (SMJ) 2020 journal impact factor (JIF) has increased to 1.858, and their five-year JIF is now 2.053.

SMJ's steady progress over the years would not have been possible without the trust and continued support of their authors, reviewers and readers. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the editorial board members led by A/Prof Poh Kian Keong, for their time and efforts, as well as the editorial staff for their hard work.

SMJ hopes to continue receiving high-quality submissions so that they can strive to advance their JIF and push your research even further.

Management of suspected abuse cases

We wish to highlight a Ministry of Health (MOH) circular (No. 91/2021), issued on 9 July 2021, which outlines the types of abuse cases a doctor may encounter, and the management and reporting of suspect cases.

The circular can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/3IC4U7W>. For clarifications, please email moh_info@moh.gov.sg.

Deferred implementation timeline for Healthcare Services Act

We wish to highlight a MOH circular (No. 81/2021) regarding the Healthcare Services Act (HCSA). Implementation of Phase 1 HCSA regulations has been deferred from September 2021 to 3 January 2022. The implementation of measles and diphtheria immunity requirements is similarly deferred from September 2021 to 3 January 2022.

The circular can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/3BtmH6Q>. ◆