

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

Report by Dr Ng Chew Lip

SMA representation in Healthier SG Implementation Workgroup

We have nominated SMA 2nd Vice President, Dr Chan Teng Mui Tammy, to be SMA's representative in the Healthier SG Implementation Workgroup.

The workgroup's terms of reference include the following:

1. Drafting care protocols and pathways related to preventive care and chronic disease care (for diabetes, high blood pressure, LDL cholesterol [DHL]).
2. Reviewing and giving feedback on the following aspects of the Healthier SG implementation approach to enable a successful roll-out:
 - (a) Proposed enrolment approach of persons to primary care providers and the requirements imposed on participating persons;
 - (b) Proposed partnership approach between primary care providers and clusters, such as the approach to data submission, IT enhancements, and the scope and roles of clusters, primary care providers and Primary Care Networks;
 - (c) Supportive engagement and onboarding of primary care providers to support Healthier SG;
 - (d) Any other relevant areas.

We look forward to contributing to the workgroup.

SMJ engages publisher

We have engaged Wolters Kluwer Medknow to publish the *Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ)* with effect from July 2022. Wolters Kluwer Medknow is a leading global publishing services provider of scholarly peer-reviewed open access journals.

With support from a publishing house with its dedicated resources, we anticipate improvements in its turnaround time, impact, and ability to attract and disseminate high-quality research. The journal will have a new cover design, layout and website with enhanced features.

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.



Media coverage of SMA IP Providers' Ranking Survey

Following the release of the findings of SMA's survey on Integrated Shield Plan (IP) providers, *8world News* and *Lianhe Zaobao* reported on the survey.

Their reports can be found at <https://bit.ly/3x8rM41> and <https://bit.ly/3Na3nk9>, respectively.

The full survey report can be found in the April 2022 issue of *SMA News* at <https://bit.ly/5404-Survey>.

SMA National Medical Students' Convention 2022

The fourth SMA National Medical Students' Convention (NMSC), organised by the TriMedSoc Alliance, returned after a two-year hiatus. The theme for this year was "Through the eyes of medical students: Challenges we face and hopes we share".

The NMSC provides a wonderful platform for building collegiality among the three medical schools, and SMA is pleased to support the event.

Meaningful discussions with medical educators and junior doctors offer medical students a different perspective on the current education system. The sharing also exposed students to the varied experiences of junior doctors who have stepped into the workplace.

SMA looks forward to working together with the TriMedSoc Alliance to engage medical students on issues pertinent to them in both their schools and their future workplaces. We will also continue to advocate for the medical profession and the healthcare landscape.

For the full report on the event, please refer to page 30. ◀