

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

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Tripartite Workgroup for the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment of HCWs

We wish to highlight the recent announcement regarding the findings and recommendations of the Tripartite Workgroup for the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment of Healthcare Workers (HCWs).

Please refer to the following links for details of the Ministry of Health (MOH) announcement:

- <https://bit.ly/3LWPIUV>
- <https://bit.ly/3LCgtat>

SMA extends its appreciation to the Workgroup for confirming the scale of the problem faced by healthcare workers and for the recommendations, which include a standardised zero-tolerance policy.

We also thank MOH for setting up the Workgroup and for engaging with SMA on the Workgroup's findings and recommendations prior to public release.

To SMA Members who participated in the process as Workgroup members or as respondents to the surveys and focus group discussions, thank you for providing your feedback and input.

Prof Loo is a paediatrician in public service with special interest in sport and exercise medicine. He serves to see the smiles on every child and athlete, and he looks forward to the company of his wife and children at the end of every day.

The issue of abuse and harassment of HCWs will not disappear overnight, and SMA will continue to advocate for both doctors and patients alike.

SMA Membership talks at MOHH orientation for PGY1

SMA actively participates in orientations organised by Ministry of Health Holdings (MOHH) for Postgraduate Year 1 (PGY1) doctors. In these talks, SMA volunteers speak to PGY1 doctors and highlight the importance of advocacy in the healthcare ecosystem.

Free Membership is offered to medical students, while a discounted rate is available to doctors in training for the first seven years upon graduation. For details regarding SMA Membership, please visit the following link: <https://www.sma.org.sg/register/membership>. ♦