

# Pathways of Life

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On the early Saturday morning of 23 August 2025, students from the three medical schools gathered at the Clinical Sciences Building on the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine campus in eager anticipation of the SMA National Medical Students' Convention (NMSC). Hosted by the TriMedSoc Alliance, this year's convention was themed "The Roads Ahead: Well-Trodden and Less Familiar Paths" and showcased a variety of potential career paths for medical students.

The TriMedSoc Alliance is a gathering of students from each of Singapore's three medical schools' medical societies, for the purpose of unifying and representing the voices of the local medical student community. The SMA NMSC is the Alliance's flagship event, providing opportunities for medical students to connect with one another.

Kicking off with an opening address from Eugene Chua, NMSC project director, and Aravind Madabhushi, NUS Medical Society president and outgoing TriMedSoc Alliance chairman, attendees dispersed to the different sessions headed by seniors, educators and professionals. These sessions covered a wide swathe of specialties and career paths, including radiology,

internal medicine, medical innovation and becoming a clinician scientist. One session also included a more unconventional path, featuring medical students who balanced their academic pursuits with their personal pursuits in art and national-level athletics.

Over the course of the day, attendees mingled and got to make new friends and connections, culminating in a dinner and social night. A lucky draw was also held during the evening, with a Kodak Ektar H35N Half Frame Camera as the grand prize.

We would like to thank all participants and guests for making this event a success and the TriMedSoc Alliance for their hard work. We look forward to seeing you at the next SMA NMSC! ◆

## Legend

1. The general surgery session combined sharings on residency with a suture workshop
2. Hands-on experience on how to conduct and interpret ultrasounds
3. Group photo of the radiology masterclass participants

We thank the many educators and professionals who set aside their precious time to share their wisdom with the participants.

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Dr Dorinda Chew	Dr Ho Jun Kiat	Dr Akshay Padki
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