

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

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Adj A/Prof 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.

NEHR contribution requirements

On 27 July 2026, the Ministry of Health (MOH) published a reference guide summarising the health information components required for contribution to the National Electronic Health Record (NEHR). The guide helps healthcare providers understand the appropriate data that should be submitted to NEHR under the Health Information Act.

The guide may be viewed in full at: <https://bit.ly/4hB3He3>.

SMA joins Healthcare iSSWG

On 14 October 2026, SMA officially became a member of the Healthcare Industry Safety and Security Watch Group (iSSWG), formed by the Singapore Police Force (SPF). The Healthcare iSSWG aims to foster collaboration between SPF and the healthcare sector to co-create a safer healthcare environment to tackle crime and security issues.

An article by the *Straits Times* on the iSSWG launch was published on 14 October 2026 and may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/4zUuoQX>.

Health Sciences Authority (Amendment) and Other Matters Bill

On 4 August 2026, the Health Sciences Authority (Amendment) and Other Matters Bill was tabled in Parliament. The proposed law seeks to confer functions on the Health Sciences Authority in the administration and enforcement of certain laws currently under MOH, and also to provide administrative services to healthcare profession regulatory bodies in place of the Singapore Medical Council.

The Bill may be viewed in full at: <https://bit.ly/4qplVI8>.

MMA Annual Banquet

On 12 September 2026, SMA Council member Dr Michael Lim Khong Jin attended the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) Annual Banquet as SMA's representative. ♦