

THE ANNUAL NATIONAL MEDICO-LEGAL SEMINAR



CONFIDENCE IN CONSENT: EQUIPPING DOCTORS TO NAVIGATE THE CHANGING TERRAIN OF THE DUTY TO ADVISE

DAY 1 (19 OCTOBER 2024, SATURDAY)

Time	Programme	Speaker
8.30am	Registration	
9.00am	Opening Address	Prof Lai Siang Hui <i>President, Medico-Legal Society of Singapore</i>
	Plenary: Section 37 of the Civil Law Act	
9.10am	(A) Section 37: Is it truly safer for doctors?	Justice Judith Prakash <i>Senior Judge, Supreme Court of Singapore</i>
10.00am	(B) How will Section 37 change medical practice?	Prof Teo Eng Kiong <i>Chief Executive Officer, Sengkang General Hospital</i>
10.40am	Tea Break	
11.00am	Retrial of Montgomery (or Gunapathy v Khoo?) under S37: How might the Courts interpret S37?	Prof A Kumaralingam <i>Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore</i>
11.30am	Back to Bolam: Will patients lose out, and doctors ever feel reassured? What role does the Court play in striking the balance between patient autonomy and the complexities of medical practice?	Moderator: Mr Edmund Kronenburg Justice Judith Prakash Prof Teo Eng Keong Prof A Kumaralingam Adj Prof Chin Jing Jih <i>Deputy Group CEO, National Healthcare Group</i>
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Med Indemnity Provider talk: What additional considerations are there when dealing with the well-informed patient?	Dr Rob Hendry <i>Medical Director, Medical Protection Society</i>

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2.15pm	The Duty to Advise: Informed Consent Best Practices	Dr Prema Raj Jeyaraj <i>Senior Consultant, Hepato-pancreato- biliary and Transplant Surgery, Singapore General Hospital</i>
2.45pm	Panel discussion/open forum: consent in real life-- how do practicing doctors balance time & resources with adequate counselling and documentation of consent?	Moderator: Dr Charmain Heah <i>Consultant, Emergency Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital; Organising Committee</i> Dr Ng Chee Kwan <i>President, Singapore Medical Association; Private Urologist, CK Ng Urology & Minimally Invasive Surgery</i> Dr Wong Tien Hua <i>President, College of Family Physician Singapore; Family Physician, Mutual Healthcare Family Clinic</i> Dr Prema Raj Jeyaraj
3.30pm	Tea Break	
3.50pm	Motion for debate: Mutual recording of medical consultations improves fairness and transparency, and ultimately decreases medicolegal risk to doctors	Moderator: Edmund J Kronenburg Mr Suang Wijaya <i>Managing Partner, Eugene Thuraisingam LLP</i> Adj Prof Chin Jing Jih
4.50pm	Closing	Dr Devanand Anantham <i>Executive Director, SMA CMEP</i>
5pm	End of Seminar	

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DAY 2 (20 OCTOBER 2024, SUNDAY)

Time	Programme	Speaker
8.30am	Registration	
9.00am	Plenary: Risk Communication-- how do doctors and laypersons understand medical & surgical risk, and what does this mean for communication of risks?	Prof Leonard Lee <i>Director, Lloyd's Register Foundation Institute for the Public Understanding of Risk, NUS</i>
10.00am	Tea Break	
10.30am	Risk Communication & Shared Decision-Making: what's influencing our patients, and how do we help them make sense of risk?	Dr Yiyun Shou <i>Assistant Professor (Research), NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health</i>
11.15am	Panel discussion: what are the barriers to adoption of shared decision-making models in medicine, and how can we empower patients to become more active decision-makers?	Moderator: Dr Peter Chow <i>Academic Director, SMA CMEP</i> Adj A/Prof Vishalkumar G Shelat <i>Senior Consultant, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i> Ms Lin Jingyi <i>Principal Medical Social Worker, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i> Prof Leonard Lee Dr Yiyun Shou
12.00pm	Closing Remarks	A/Prof Lai Siang Hui