

MPS-SMA Medical Experts Training Course

20 April 2013, Saturday
Shangri-La Hotel Singapore



Medical expert witnesses

The evidence in a medical expert report and testimony offered by a medical expert witness during examination are often critical components in arriving at an equitable and fair decision in any dispute.

An expert witness possesses in depth knowledge of a subject that enables him or her to give opinions and draw conclusions relevant to the case, so as to impartially and objectively assist the court or tribunal in its work. The expert witness is expected to articulate the standard of care in medical negligence, the standard of professional conduct in disciplinary tribunals, and present opinions that are supported by strong arguments and evidence.

To serve the course of justice effectively, a medical expert should be familiar with the principles of medical negligence, litigation, and the judicial system. With the rising expectations of the public and patients on the performance and behaviour of doctors, it is timely that competent and skilled medical expert witnesses are available for the benefit of patients, the public and the profession.

About the course


The purpose of the training session is to have a better understanding of medico-legal issues, and the role and responsibilities of a medical expert in the areas of medical negligence, Singapore Medical Council disciplinary hearings and Coroner's Court.

We will clarify the legal principles underpinning clinical negligence claims, the litigation process in Singapore, the role of the expert, and what makes a good expert report.

You will also have the chance to learn more about the skills and knowledge a doctor needs for appearing in court, as well as hear from our experienced expert about the problems and challenges of being a medical expert.

Panel discussions will provide an opportunity to clarify various medico-legal issues directly with experienced MPS lawyers.

Faculty includes:

- Dr Ming-Keng Teoh, Head of Medical Services – Asia, MPS
- Ms Emma Hallinan, Director of Claims and Litigation, MPS
- Ms Caroline Bennett, Solicitor and Claims Manager, MPS
- Dr Joseph Sheares, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Mt Elizabeth Hospital and Raffles Hospital
- Dr Stanley Lai SC, Allen & Gledhill
- Ms Mak Wei Munn, Allen & Gledhill
- Mr Eric Tin, Donaldson & Burkinshaw
- Dr Albert Myint Soe, Myint Soe & Selvaraj
- Mr Christopher Chong, Rodyk & Davidson
- Mr Lek Siang Pheng, Rodyk & Davidson 

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Date: 20 April 2013, Saturday

Time: 9 am - 5.30 pm (registration starts at 8.30 am)

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel Singapore

Capacity: 70 seats (limited places)

Registration fees: \$200 (inclusive of 7% GST)

For SMA/MPS members, full refund upon completion

For AMS members, \$100 refund upon completion

Number of CME points: Pending approval from the Singapore Medical Council

To register for the course, please complete the form below or visit <http://www.sma.org.sg>.

Programme

Topics to be covered

- Role of Medical Experts
- Principles of Medical Negligence
- The Litigation Process in Singapore
- Instructions and Writing an Expert Report
- An Expert's Perspective
- Claims Handling Ethics
- Expert Reports – the Good, the Bad and the Ugly
- Medical Experts in Criminal Courts, Coroner Inquests, Tribunals and Other Situations
- Appearance in Court – What to Expect and Courtroom Skills
- Live in Court and Quiz
- Panel Discussion

Registration closes on 12 April 2013, Friday, or when all vacancies have been taken up.

Please attach this slip when making payment. Send your credit card details/mail your cheque to **Denise Tan, Singapore Medical Association, 2 College Road, Level 2, Alumni Medical Centre, Singapore 169850. Tel: 6223 1264, fax: 6224 7827 or email: denisetan@sma.org.sg**. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received. A confirmation email will be issued to all applicants. If you do not receive any reply before 15 April, please do not hesitate to contact the SMA Secretariat at tel: 6223 1264.

Name: _____ MCR No.: _____

Email: _____

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Please tick the following accordingly:

A. SMA member: Yes No C. AMS member: Yes No

B. MPS member: Yes No D. CFPS member: Yes No

E. GP Specialist (please include specialty: _____)

I am committed to being an expert witness in my speciality after the training course: Yes No

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