



A Medico-Legal Seminar:

Understanding the Legal Responsibilities of Registered Medical Practitioners

Jointly Organised By:



Date: 25 January 2014, Saturday

Time: 1.30 pm - 5 pm

Venue: Gleneagles Hospital, Lecture Theatre (Level 3)

Number of CME Points: Pending approval from Singapore Medical Council

Registration fees: Complimentary for all doctors

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The practice of Medicine is highly regulated by professional and clinical ethics (ethical standards) and by the law.

Registered medical practitioners (RMPs), like all other registered professionals (lawyers, engineers, and accountants), are involved in work that is important to all members of society and will face major consequences from the failure to carry out their professional responsibilities or the abuse of their privileges. Society expects doctors to know their duties under the rule of law and understand the concept of legal and professional accountability. As such, RMPs can be called upon to justify their professional actions, behaviours and performances. Duties and obligations are based on both law and ethics – doctors must therefore be mindful of the legal and ethical rules and standards within which they are expected to practice.

Doctors have to be aware of the numerous legal statutes and regulations that govern the practice of Medicine in Singapore today and their responsibilities under these legal statutes. In this seminar, we will discuss the legal responsibilities under the Coroner System, the legal and professional duty to preserve medical confidentiality, and the legal duty to notify the police under the Criminal Procedure Code.

PROGRAMME

- 1.30 pm **Registration** (Refreshments Provided)
- 2 pm **Welcome Address**
- Dr Vincent Chia, CEO, Gleneagles Hospital
- 2.10 pm **Introduction to Professional Accountability and Legal Responsibility of Medical Practitioners**
- Dr T Thirumoorthy, Executive Director, Centre for Medical Ethics & Professionalism, SMA
- 2.30 pm **Legal Responsibility to Maintain Confidentiality**
- Ms Kuah Boon Theng, Legal Clinic LLC
- 3 pm **Question & Answer**
- 3.10 pm **Legal Responsibilities within the Coroner System of Death Investigations**
- A/Prof Lai Siang Hui, Senior Consultant, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital & President, Medico-Legal Society of Singapore
- 3.30 pm **Legal Responsibility under the Criminal Procedure Code**
- Ms Kuah Boon Theng
- 4 pm **Break**
- 4.10 pm **Panel Discussion**
- Chairperson: Dr Yeo Poh Teck, Neurologist, Gleneagles Hospital
- Dr T Thirumoorthy
- Ms Kuah Boon Theng
- A/Prof Lai Siang Hui
- Dr Lisa Chin, Gynaecologist, Gleneagles Hospital
- 4.50 pm **Summary & Conclusion**
- Dr T Thirumoorthy
- 5 pm **End of Seminar**

Please complete this slip for A Medico-Legal Seminar: Understanding the Legal Responsibilities of Registered Medical Practitioners and return it 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**. A confirmation email will be issued to all applicants.

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