

## Appointment of New Council Member



A/Prof Nigel Tan

Prof Wong Tien Yin has stepped down as a member of the 55th SMA Council early this month. The SMA Council would like to thank Prof Wong for all his contributions throughout the years.

Article X Paragraph 4 of the SMA Constitution states: "The Council shall have power to appoint a member to fill any vacancy in the Council until the next Annual General Meeting." The 55th SMA Council has therefore appointed A/Prof Nigel Tan Choon Kiat to fill the vacancy, at its meeting in the middle of this month. A/Prof Tan is a senior consultant neurologist and Education Director at National Neuroscience Institute. He is also a visiting consultant neurologist at Singapore General Hospital and Changi General Hospital. We warmly welcome A/Prof Tan to the SMA Council. ■

## Feedback on Newly Drafted SMC ECPS

Dear SMA member,

On 1 September 2014, the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) emailed doctors about a new draft of the SMC Ethical Code and SMC Professional Standards in Practice (ECPS).

The ECPS draft has been uploaded to the Ministry of Health's Health Professionals Access portal (<https://hpass.moh.gov.sg/doctor.do>). Please use your SMC user ID and password to log in and read it.

We urge all members to review the ECPS draft, as it will have significant impact on your medical practice. For example,

1. "ECPS are to be regarded as the **minimum standards** upon which your performance and behaviour may be assessed." [Introduction & Preamble, section 1(iii)]
2. "The use of the words 'must', 'shall' or 'will' indicates that the standard is generally to be met, save for extenuating circumstances." [Introduction & Preamble, section 6]
3. "Disciplinary procedures for professional misconduct will refer to the ECPS as setting out the standards by which you will be judged." [Part 2: Singapore Medical Council Professional Standards in Practice, section (i)]

Please email your feedback to SMC at [ethics@smc.gov.sg](mailto:ethics@smc.gov.sg) by **31 October 2014**. We also recommend that you send a copy of your comments to SMA at [feedback@sma.org.sg](mailto:feedback@sma.org.sg). ■