

EDUCATION FOR BETTER ELDERCARE

BY AGENCY FOR INTEGRATED CARE



To meet the needs of Singapore's ageing population, a substantial increase in capacity is being planned and implemented for the Community Care sector, especially since there is an increasing number of patients being discharged from public hospitals to nursing homes who have higher levels of medical and nursing needs. Managing these patients requires a greater level of care from doctors, and the Graduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine (GDPM), Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Medicine (GDGM) and Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine (GDFM) can equip doctors with the necessary skills and knowledge to care for such elderly patients.

The Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) and Ministry of Health (MOH) are pleased to announce that the Community Care–GP Partnership Training Award is now open for application. This award will fund the course fees for general practitioners (GPs) taking the GDPM, GDGM and GDFM — programmes that are relevant to the needs of the Community Care sector. MOH will co-fund 70% of the course fees under this award, while Community Care institutions that qualify for the Community Silver Trust may tap on this grant to sponsor the remaining 30%.

The Community Care–GP Partnership Training Award is designed to support GPs who would like to step forward to serve the Community Care sector. Armed with new knowledge and skills, GPs will be in a better position to manage complex cases and practise at a higher level of medicine, thus complementing hospital medicine, and benefiting more patients.

As part of the award, GPs get to collaborate with and support their sponsoring Community Care institutions, using what they have learnt. GPs and Community Care institutions are then able to forge closer links, thus seeding and strengthening a longer-term relationship. GPs can also apply their newfound knowledge and skills to meaningful causes outside their practice and connect with other groups of patients who need help.

The Community Care–GP Partnership Training Award is administered by AIC, who is working with the sector and linking up interested GPs and Community Care institutions. If you are interested to find out more, email us today at GP@aic.sg.

THE COMMUNITY CARE–GP PARTNERSHIP TRAINING AWARD AT A GLANCE

The study award funds **70%** of course fees for GPs who are enrolled in one of these courses and are sponsored by an eligible Community Care institution:

- Graduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine (GDPM)
- Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Medicine (GDGM)
- Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine (GDFM)

GPs who have gained admission or are currently enrolled in the above programmes are still eligible to apply for the training award through their sponsoring Community Care institution before **31 December 2015**.

Community Care GP-Partnership Training Award is now open for application. Register now!

Email AIC at GP@aic.sg for more details and assistance to enrol in the scheme.