

# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

### SMC PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL

SMA recently wrote to Singapore Medical Council (SMC) to highlight feedback from members regarding the recent announcement on Practising Certificate (PC) renewal. In response, SMC has extended the deadline and advised doctors to submit their applications by 30th November 2015 to ensure that their PCs are renewed in time. We thank SMC for the positive reply. SMC's response is found on our website at <https://goo.gl/LBm00R>.

### SMA COLLABORATES WITH CFPS AND SHRI

SMA and College of Family Physicians will conduct a survey on managed health organisations (MHOs) and the managed care environment in November 2015. Spearheaded by the SMA Private Practice Committee, this initiative aims to refresh a similar survey that was conducted in 2006. We encourage our members to participate in the survey so as to help us better understand Singapore's managed care environment. SMA will also collaborate with Singapore Human Resource Institute to conduct a survey of human resource practitioners to find out their views on MHOs and the managed care environment.

### SMA SUBMITS FEEDBACK ON DRAFT ECEG

The SMA submitted its feedback to the SMC on 20th October 2015. In our letter, we reiterated our view that the current 2002 Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines is fundamentally sound as a professional code, although it may need more regular updates to keep abreast with the changing practice of medicine. We also shared our concern that the proposed revision will do little to champion the spirit of professional ethics in the practice environment but may inadvertently have a negative effect on patient care in Singapore.

### SMA COUNCIL HOSTS LUNCH FOR MINISTER FOR HEALTH AT THE SMA

The SMA Council hosted lunch for Minister Gan Kim Yong at the SMA on 23rd October 2015. Candid and fruitful discussions ensued on topics such as the ethical code for doctors, professional indemnity, training and assimilation of foreign trained doctors and the primary care landscape. The two-hour lunch ended with the celebration of SMA Honorary Treasurer Dr Tammy Chan's birthday, a sweet ending to a meeting that has now become a regular affair.



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### SMA WORKS WITH MEMBER TO RECOVER OUTSTANDING LOCUM PAYMENTS

SMA received a request for help to recover locum payments owed. We acted on behalf of our member by writing to the clinic. The issue was resolved quickly and the fees were subsequently received by the member. ♦

