

PROFILE



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

### MOH GUIDELINES ON PROVISION OF EST

On 5 March 2015, the Ministry of Health (MOH) sought feedback from SMA regarding the draft Licensing Terms and Conditions (LTCs) on the Provision of Electrocardiography Stress Testing (EST). SMA consulted with several senior cardiologists and provided the feedback from our members on 5 May 2015. The concern raised was on the liability of doctors who do not proceed with EST based on pre-test probability scores, in accordance with the LTCs, only to have the patient suffer adverse outcomes (eg, major heart attack) that might have been picked up during EST.

MOH replied via email on 10 June 2015 that it will support the doctor who acted in compliance with the LTCs, in the scenario as stated in our feedback. The LTCs were recently amended as Guidelines and SMA received the latest draft Guidelines on 12 October 2015.

SMA reiterated our members' feedback in a reply on 5 November 2015.

### FITNESS TO DRIVE – HEAVY VEHICLE DRIVERS

Since July 2014, the Traffic Police and MOH have sought consultation with SMA on the certification of heavy vehicle drivers for fitness to drive. SMA met with MOH on 6 October 2015 and after several rounds of consultation, our final recommendations were submitted to MOH on 12 November 2015.

### FEEDBACK ON MANAGED CARE SUBMITTED

Following feedback from SMA members, SMA wrote to Central Provident Fund Board, Life Insurance Association (LIA), Monetary Authority of Singapore and MOH to highlight concerns relating to the market conduct of a managed care organisation and an insurance company. LIA has responded with an explanation from the insurance company. LIA and SMA are also proceeding with further stakeholder discussions on related matters. ◆