

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

FEEDBACK ON MEDICAL APPOINTMENT WEBSITES

SMA received several member queries on third party medical appointment websites. Concerns on inaccurate information and wrongful portrayal of medical clinics and doctors were raised. SMA wrote to the respective companies to request that only the information of clinics and doctors that had provided consent should be placed on the websites. SMA has also provided feedback to the Advertising Standards Authority of Singapore on this matter. We are currently consulting our honorary legal advisors on the next steps to address this matter.

QUERY ON DRUGS THAT MAY RESULT IN POSITIVE URINE TEST

An SMA member who is a family physician wrote in to seek guidance in responding to queries by the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) on whether the medications prescribed by the doctor could give rise to the subject's urine being tested positive for controlled drugs. We noted the concern, that without a standardised list of controlled drugs tested and the corresponding medications that may result in a false positive, it will be difficult for a doctor to be definitive in his declaration to the CNB. SMA wrote to the CNB to seek clarification and will be meeting with CNB officials to explore ways to assist doctors in responding to such information requests.

DISCOUNTED STETHOSCOPE PRICING FOR SMSANZ STUDENTS

In support of local medical students under the Singapore Medical Society of Australia and New Zealand (SMSANZ), SMA provided to them a special discounted rate for the purchase of 3M Littman stethoscopes. SMSANZ members, like their counterparts in our three local medical schools and the Singapore Medical Society of the United Kingdom, enjoy complimentary SMA Student Membership. This is part of SMA's focus to reach out to more Singaporean and Singapore Permanent Resident students studying not just in local medical schools but overseas as well.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SMJ CHIEF EDITOR

A/Prof Poh Kian Keong is re-appointed as Editor-in-Chief of the *Singapore Medical Journal* (SMJ) for a second term, for the period 2016 to 2017. The SMA Council thanks A/Prof Poh for his contributions and valuable efforts as the Chief Editor of the SMJ.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SMA REP FOR WSHC (HEALTHCARE) COMMITTEE

Dr Wong Sin Yew is re-appointed as SMA's representative to the Workplace Safety and Health Council (Healthcare) Committee, for a further term of two years, ending 31 March 2018. The SMA Council thanks Dr Wong for his hard work and continued efforts to promote safety awareness in the healthcare environment. ◆

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