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# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

### **SINGAPORE MEDICAL JOURNAL WEBSITE LAUNCH**

We are pleased to announce the launch of Singapore Medical Journal's brand new website! The website has been redesigned to improve user-friendliness and appeal. In addition to the changed design and layout of the pages, new functions have been implemented in this version. Visit <http://www.smj.org.sg> and we hope you will enjoy the new site. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please email them to [smj@sma.org.sg](mailto:smj@sma.org.sg).

subject's urine being tested positive for controlled drugs. SMA subsequently met with CNB and agreed on a standardised template to assist doctors when they respond to such queries. As such queries are part of criminal investigations, fees will not be chargeable. The sample letter and template can be found at <https://goo.gl/nSMFON>.

### **CALL FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO CHAS SUBSIDIES**

SMA has written to the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) to recommend that Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) subsidies for patients should be subjected to regular review and be aligned to the rising Consumer Price Index. This is so that CHAS card holders will be able to continue to enjoy quality and affordable care at the participating medical and dental clinics near their homes. We are pending a response from AIC.

### **REVISED WSH RISK-ASSESSMENT FORMS FOR HEALTHCARE SECTOR**

Slips, trips and falls, being struck by moving objects, and needle stick injuries are the most common injuries in the healthcare sector. Knowledge of these injuries and steps to mitigate them alone may not be sufficient. An effective risk management strategy should also consider personal health and fitness that are required of the worker for each job function. The Workplace Safety & Health (WSH) Council has revised the sample risk assessment form to include such elements. A copy of the revised form for medical clinics can be downloaded from <https://goo.gl/Dj5NRF>.

### **STANDARDISED TEMPLATE FOR CNB QUERIES**

SMA previously received a member's query with regard to queries from the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) on whether the medications prescribed by the doctor could give rise to the

Do also sign up for the upcoming SMA WSH seminar on 8 October 2016. Learn useful tips like how to conduct a risk assessment and how to handle aggressive patients and next-of-kin. More details about the course is available at <https://goo.gl/9KUqib>.