

# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

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### Feedback on draft clinic regulatory standards

SMA submitted recommendations and comments to the Ministry of Health, relating to draft clinic regulatory standards that may be proposed under the proposed Healthcare Services Bill. Our preliminary comments for the draft cover areas on Basic Cardiac Life Support training, automated external defibrillator training and financial counselling, among others.

### Member's query on residency posting evaluation

SMA responded to a member's request for advice on his/her residency posting evaluation. An SMA Council member has contacted the member and provided verbal advice and tips. Members who require assistance may email [sma@sma.org.sg](mailto:sma@sma.org.sg) and SMA will endeavour to assist where possible.

### SMA comments on Telemedicine on Channel 5's "Talking Point"

Dr Lee Yik Voon, SMA President, was interviewed on Channel 5's television programme, "Talking Point", which featured a segment on telemedicine. Dr Lee highlighted some challenges of telemedicine; for example, the lack

of a face-to-face consultation could potentially compromise the standard of care provided and lead to a misdiagnosis.

A joint advisory by the College of Family Physicians Singapore and SMA on participation in Telemedicine and Online issuance of Medical Certificates, published in the January 2018 issue of *SMA News* (<http://bit.ly/2CglEun>), was also highlighted in the programme.

The episode is available on Toggle (<http://bit.ly/2EqdoJJ>) and the telemedicine segment starts from the 14 minutes 53 seconds mark.

### SMACF's IPC status renewed for another two years

SMA Charity Fund's (SMACF) Institution of Public Character (IPC) status was renewed for a two-year period from 27 December 2018 to 26 December 2020. The SMACF is SMA's independent charity arm. Its work includes the managing of the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund that helps underprivileged medical students of all three medical schools. Donations to the SMACF will enjoy 250% tax deduction benefits. For 2018, SMA has contributed \$20,000 as its annual pledge to the cause. You can donate to the SMACF at <https://www.giving.sg/smacf>. ♦

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