

Council News

1. SELF-DECLARATION FORMS FOR INSURANCE POLICIES

It has come to our attention that some insurance companies are asking insurance policy applicants to fill in self-declaration forms that require clinical information such as blood pressure readings, hypertension complications, chest X-ray, ECG results, and so on.

Please be advised that should your patients request you to provide the clinical information that these self-declaration forms require, or to fill up the forms on their behalf, you can charge an appropriate fee for rendering these services.

2. HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER FOR 30 YEARS OR MORE?

At the SMA AGM on 1 April 2007, the proposed amendment to the SMA Constitution Article III Section (ii)(c) to grant Life Membership to Ordinary Members who have been in continuous membership for 30 years without further payment of subscriptions was successfully passed. In accordance with Article XII, Section 5, which states: "No amendments shall take effect until such amendments have been approved by the Registrar of Societies." We shall be writing to ROS in due course.

We note that several members have been with SMA for 30 years or more and would qualify for Life Membership under the new Article III Section (ii)(c).

However, in view of the above constitutional requirement, we will only be able to grant you Life Membership after we receive official approval from ROS. This means that your Life Membership will only take effect in 2008.

In the meantime, we would be grateful if members with outstanding subscriptions send their payment to us. We appreciate that you have been a

SMA Member for 30 years or more, and we look forward to your continued membership and support.

All members who qualify for Life Membership will receive a notification letter in the later part of the year.

3. HEALTHCARE HUMANITY AWARDS 2007

The 48th SMA Council extends its heartiest congratulations to **Dr Chin Jing Jih, Dr Tan Yung Khan, and Dr Yong Wei Sean** who are recipients this year.

The Courage Fund Healthcare Humanity Awards is a continuing legacy to the Courage Awards in year 2003 after the SARS outbreak in Singapore. The awards are given out to outstanding healthcare workers who exemplify values such as courage, extraordinary dedication, selflessness, steadfastness in ethics, compassion and humanity, and are thus inspirations to other healthcare workers and the public.

The recipients will receive their awards from President Nathan at a ceremony on 27 June 2006.

4. SECRETARIAT CHANGES



Ms Norjalayllah Suja (Layla)



Ms Nirmal Kaur

A warm welcome to Ms Norjalayllah Suja (Layla) who joined us on 12 March 2007 as Administrative Assistant. Congratulations also to Ms Nirmal Kaur who has been promoted to Administrative Officer.

Our best wishes go to Ms Karen Teo and Ms Emmeline Yeo who left in April. ■



COUNCIL DIALOGUE WITH MEMBERS

In response to requests from members to continue with the dialogue sessions, we have drawn up the following schedule, as well as proposed topics of discussion.

| Date | Proposed Agenda |
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| 17 Jul 2007 (Tue), 6 pm | Survey on fees set by GPs and specialists |
| 13 Oct 2007 (Sat), 2 pm | Managed healthcare |
| 15 Jan 2008 (Tue), 6 pm | Insurance and medical reports |

Members who wish to discuss other topics may send their suggestions to us by mail, fax 6224 7827 or email sma@sma.org.sg.

Further notices and reminders will be sent out closer to the date.

We look forward to engaging members in a productive discussion, and better representing the views of the general membership.

We Want To Hear From You!

Tell us what you think of the articles in the SMA News, or share your thoughts on Medicine and other healthcare issues.

We are also looking for articles for the following sections:

- A Doc's Life** – Personal reflections related to medical practice, or any interesting encounters in the wards/clinics.
- Got a Life** – Articles on interesting hobbies, e.g. collections of comics or rare insects, lindy-hopping or singing in the shower.

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Survey on the Practice of Aesthetic Medicine 2007

An Aesthetic Medicine Workgroup has been set up by MOH to look into issues pertaining to aesthetic medicine. The workgroup, led by Prof Goh Chee Leok of the National Skin Centre, has wide representation from the private and public sectors, and include dermatologists, plastic surgeons, general practitioners and representatives from the College of Family Physicians and Singapore Medical Association. The workgroup has decided to conduct a survey on the practice of aesthetic medicine which will include randomly selected doctors in the private sector.

Aesthetic Medicine is a new area of practice that deserves the profession's attention. For a start, we need to know to what extent the profession and individual doctors are involved in the practice of aesthetic medicine. We also need to know the prevailing standards of training doctors have received in this area.

To this end, the 48th SMA Council feels that this survey is timely and necessary. If you are selected for the survey, we hope that you can give it your fullest support by responding. This will ensure representative findings from the survey. The data collected will be strictly confidential and analysis of the data will only be made on an aggregate and de-identified basis. Thank you.

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