

News from SMA Council

1. NTUC INCOME

With the increase in GST to 7% from 1 July 2007, NTUC Income has since revised their premiums accordingly. In effect, there is a 2% point increase. The revised rates can be viewed at the NTUC Income website:

<http://www.income.com.sg/insurance/medical/incidence/premium.asp>

2. FREE DRUG FORMULARY

The latest edition of *Medi-Bank* has been sent to SMA Members in July. This drug formulary is published by Vital Base Co Pte Ltd and distributed free to all Members under a collaboration with SMA. Members who have not received their copy can contact Vital Base at telephone **6294 0113**.

Members may also wish to note that Vital Base has developed an online drug and equipment search portal at www.vital-base.com/sg. For easy access, a link to the portal has been

created at the SMA website www.sma.org.sg under “Useful Links For Doctors”. ■

The collage consists of three promotional images. The top image is the cover of the 'Medi-Bank Drug' formulary, Edition 1, 2007, featuring a large '186%' graphic and a list of features: 'Further Extended Drug Database', 'Hospital & Polyclinic Index (page 394)', 'TSA & FDA Pregnancy Risk Category (page 8)', 'Finger Tabs - for quick drug referencing', 'Drug Classification (page 12)', and 'www.medi-bank.com.sg - now available online'. The middle image shows the 'Medi-Bank Drug' logo with the date '1, 2007'. The bottom image is an advertisement for 'Tensoval Duo Sensor Technology', showing a blood pressure monitor and describing its dual-sensor technology for accurate measurement.