

# MPS-SMA Medical Experts Training Course

18 & 19 May 2012 (Friday & Saturday)  
Sheraton Towers Singapore



## Medical expert witnesses

The evidence in a medical expert report and testimony offered by a medical expert witness during examination are often critical components in arriving at an equitable and fair decision in any dispute.

An expert witness possesses in depth knowledge of a subject that enables him or her to give opinions and draw conclusions relevant to the case, so as to impartially and objectively assist the court or tribunal in its work. The expert witness is expected to articulate the standard of care in medical negligence, the standard of professional conduct in disciplinary tribunals, and present opinions that are supported by strong arguments and evidence.

To serve the course of justice effectively, a medical expert should be familiar with the principles of medical negligence, litigation, and the judicial system. With the rising expectations of the public and patients on the performance and behaviour of doctors, it is timely that competent and skilled medical expert witnesses are available for the benefit of patients, the public and the profession.

## About the course

The purpose of the training session is to have a better understanding of medico-legal issues, and the role and responsibilities of a medical expert in the areas of medical negligence, SMC disciplinary hearings and Coroner's Court.

Over the two days, the course will cover topics like the legal principles underpinning clinical negligence claims, the litigation process in Singapore, the law behind informed consent, the SMC disciplinary process and what makes a good medical expert report.

You will also have the chance to learn more about the skills and knowledge a doctor needs for appearing in court and disciplinary tribunals, as well as hear from our experienced expert about the problems and challenges of being a medical expert. Panel discussions will provide an opportunity to clarify various medico-legal issues directly with experienced MPS lawyers.

Faculty includes:

- Dr Ming-Keng Teoh, Head of Medical Services – Asia, MPS
- Dr Janet Page, Medicolegal Adviser, MPS
- Dr Joseph Sheares, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Mt Elizabeth Hospital and Raffles Hospital
- Dr Stanley Lai SC, Allen & Gledhill
- Ms Mak Wei Munn, Allen & Gledhill
- MrTham Hsu Hsien, Allen & Gledhill
- Mr Eric Tin, Donaldson & Burkinshaw
- Mr Matthew Saw, Lee & Lee
- Dr Albert Myint Soe, Myint Soe & Selvaraj
- Mr Charles Lin, Myint Soe & Selvaraj
- Mr Daniel Xu, Myint Soe & Selvaraj
- Mr Christopher Chong, Rodyk & Davidson
- Mr Lek Siang Pheng, Rodyk & Davidson **SMA**

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**Date:** 18 & 19 May 2012 (Friday & Saturday)**Time:** 8 am - 4.30 pm (Friday) & 8 am - 12.30 pm (Saturday)**Venue:** Sheraton Towers Singapore**Capacity:** 70 (limited places)**Registration fees:** \$200 (inclusive of 7% GST)

For SMA/MPS members, full refund upon completion

For AMS members, \$100 refund upon completion

**Number of CME points:** Pending approval from the Singapore Medical CouncilTo register for the course, please complete the form below or visit <http://www.sma.org.sg/medicalexperts>

## PROGRAMME

Topics to be  
covered

- Role of Medical Experts
- Principles of Medical Negligence
- The Litigation Process in Singapore
- Valid Consent and Failure to Warn
- Instructions and Writing an Expert Report
- Expert Reports – The Good, Bad and Ugly (Breakout Groups)
- Claims Handling Ethics
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- The Singapore Medical Council
- Medical Experts in Criminal Courts, Coroner Inquests, Tribunals and Other Situations
- An Expert's Perspective – Preparing for Court, Professional Issues
- Appearance in Court – What to Expect and Courtroom Skills
- Live in Court Video
- Panel Discussion and Q & A

### I would like to register for the MPS-SMA Medical Experts Training Course

Please attach this slip when making payment. Kindly fax your credit card details/mail your cheque to **Mongshi, Singapore Medical Association, Level 2, Alumni Medical Centre, 2 College Road, Singapore 169850. Fax: 6224 7827**. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received. A confirmation email will be issued to all applicants. If you do not receive any reply before 15 May, please do not hesitate to contact the SMA Secretariat at 6223 1264.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MCR No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Handphone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the following accordingly:

A. SMA member: ☐ Yes ☐ NoC. AMS member: ☐ Yes ☐ NoB. MPS member: ☐ Yes ☐ NoD. CFPS member: ☐ Yes ☐ NoE. ☐ GP ☐ Specialist (please include specialty: \_\_\_\_\_)I am committed to being an expert witness in my specialty after the training course: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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