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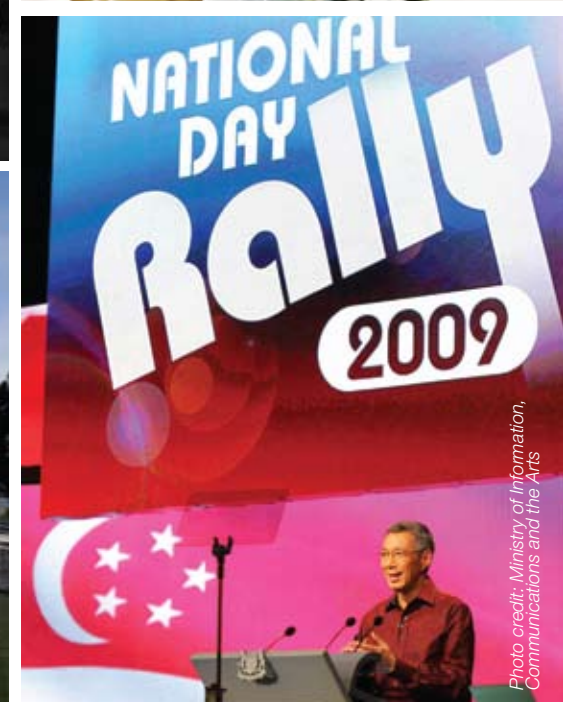


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## 'SLOW MEDICINE' – Right for Fast-Paced Singapore?

**T**he challenges associated with long-term care are formidable and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's National Day Rally remarks have put the spotlight firmly on the issues around the integrating of healthcare services, "slow medicine" and step-down care. In this theme issue of the *SMA News*, we bring together a diverse spectrum of views from the profession in response to the National Day Rally; including policy makers, educationists, researchers and clinicians and even a medical satirist (the ever-reliable Hobbit) on the ground. Some are critical; some are supportive, while others express cautious optimism while highlighting the very real operational challenges that lie ahead. Regardless of perspective and position taken, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all contributors for their time and effort in penning their thoughts. Taken collectively, I hope the contributions in this theme issue will give you, the reader, a deeper understanding of how the medical profession sees the upcoming transformation of healthcare.

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