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SMC President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

SPS' Address at the Pledge Ceremony

In February this year, we witnessed a total of 217 doctors taking the Physician's Pledge at the SMC Physician's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony. We thank Mdm Rahayu Mahzam, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Health, our Guest of Honour for attending and delivering her address to the doctors.

Her address notes that patient-centred care includes focusing on patients, respecting their preferences, needs and values and getting them more involved when making clinical decisions.

Doctors were reminded to play a crucial role in preventive care by promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging patients to enrol with a Healthier SG clinic. She also highlighted the importance of actively cultivating a cooperative and supportive environment with all healthcare professionals to deliver effective and appropriate care.

Series in Professional Ethics —

A Reminder on ECEG on the Issuance of Medical Certificates

SMC has received enquiries from members of public concerning the issuance of medical certificates. There were also a few cases in which doctors were disciplined by the Disciplinary tribunals for grossly inappropriate medical leave or light duty.

As part of the Professional series on Ethics, the Council have thought it important to remind all registered medical practitioners to adhere to the 2016 Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines (ECEG) on the issuance of Medical Certificates.

We have extracted Section B4 of the ECEG as well as the Handbook on Medical Ethics (HME) for your reference.

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