

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

PRESS RELEASE

Registered TCM Practitioner Fined and Censured

Chua Ee Fang @ Sia Ee Fang (蔡宜芳), of Chua Ee Fang Acupuncture Centre (蔡宜芳针灸中心) and Sia's Chinese Clinic (谢氏针灸药房), both at 263 Changi Road, Singapore 419749, a registered TCM physician and registered acupuncturist, was found guilty of the following complaints:

First Complaint:

Chua Ee Fang was found guilty of professional negligence contrary to Section 19(1)(i) of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act (Cap 333A) for having administered acupuncture and heat therapy treatment to a patient inappropriately thereby causing the patient to suffer a burn injury.

Second Complaint:

Chua Ee Fang was found to have contravened Section 19(1)(f) of the Act and Clause 4.1.2 of the "Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines for TCM Practitioners" as well as Regulation 3 of the TCM Practitioners (Practice, Conduct and Ethics) Regulations in that she had failed to keep proper and accurate records of the treatment administered to a patient.

2 In respect of the First Complaint, Chua Ee Fang was fined \$2,000 and was given a censure.

3 In respect of the Second Complaint, Chua Ee Fang was issued a censure.

4 In addition, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the TCM Practitioners Act, Chua Ee Fang was ordered to pay costs and expenses of or incidental to the inquiry conducted by the Investigation Committee and any action taken by the Board, including expenses of the Board's solicitors and the legal assessor.

5 Chua Ee Fang appealed to the High Court against the decisions of the TCM Practitioners Board. Her appeal came on for hearing on 16 July 2009 before Justice Lee Seiu Kin. Her appeal was dismissed by the Learned High Court Judge and she was also ordered to pay the Board's cost of appeal fixed at \$12,000.00.

TCM PRACTITIONERS BOARD 中医管理委员会
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