

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

PRESS RELEASE

Suspension of Registration of TCM Physician

Yong Lin Swee (杨镰瑞), of Dah Kai Medical & Departmental Store Pte Ltd, 80 Marine Parade Road, #03-20 Parkway Parade, Singapore 449269, a registered TCM physician and a registered acupuncturist.

HSA forwarded a complaint to the Board that Yong Lin Swee prescribed and dispensed a brown herbal powder to a female patient and the brown herbal powder was found to contain **Clonazepam**, a scheduled poison under the Poisons Act and that Yong was charged in Subordinate Courts and fined \$2,000, and in default, 2 weeks imprisonment.

An Investigation Committee (“IC”) Inquiry was subsequently conducted, and Yong was found guilty of the following:

- (a) On 14 March 2013, Yong was convicted of the offence of supplying a bottle of brown herbal powder containing Clonazepam to the female patient before the Subordinate Courts of the Republic of Singapore and he admitted to the offence.
- (b) The treatment rendered by Yong to the female patient, including the prescription and/or dispensation of the brown herbal powder containing Clonazepam, is not in accordance with his registration as a TCM physician and as an acupuncturist under the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act (“the Act”) and Clause 4.1.3 of the Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines for TCM Practitioners.
- (c) Yong’s conduct amounted to a breach of Sections 19(1)(f), (i) and (j) of the Act.

The Board decided to impose the following sanction against Yong pursuant to Section 19(2) of the Act:

- (a) To suspend Yong’s registration as a TCM physician and as an acupuncturist for a period of 15 months, with suspension to commence on 1 April 2014; and
- (b) To censure Yong.

In addition, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the Act, the Board also ordered Yong to pay costs and expenses of or incidental to the inquiry or investigation conducted or action taken against Yong by the Board.

TCM PRACTITIONERS BOARD 中医管理委员会
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