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INTERIM ORDERS COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR WONG SIONG SUNG

- 1. On or about 3 August 2021, the Singapore Medical Council ("SMC") received a complaint (the "Complaint") in respect of Dr Wong Siong Sung ("Dr Wong") concerning his practice in Healthy Heart Specialist Centre and Somerset Imaging Centre.
- 2. An independent Complaints Committee was appointed to inquire into the Complaint. In the course of its deliberations, the Complaints Committee referred the Complaint to the SMC to appoint an Interim Orders Committee to determine if it was necessary for the protection of members of the public, or was otherwise in the public interest, or was in the interests of Dr Wong, that Dr Wong's registration be suspended or be made subject to conditions or restrictions.
- 3. On 23 May 2023, the Interim Orders Committee, after its inquiry into the information referred to it by the SMC and after considering the submissions by counsels for the SMC and Dr Wong, was satisfied that it was necessary for the protection of members of the public and in the public interest that the registration of Dr Wong as a medical practitioner be made subject to the following conditions or restrictions, for a period of 18 months or until the conclusion of the proceedings against Dr Wong under Part 7 of the Medical Registration Act 1997 (version as of 30 June 2022), whichever is sooner:
 - (a) Dr Wong must not manage or treat patients conveyed by ambulance services (including emergency ambulance or medical transport vehicles), unless:
 - (i) the patient is conveyed by ambulance services to, admitted to, and managed by a hospital; and
 - (ii) a registered medical professional(s) at such a hospital approaches Dr Wong to review the patient and/or the patient requests to be reviewed by Dr Wong in an inpatient setting.
 - (b) Dr Wong must not perform house calls for patients.
 - (c) Save in hospital inpatient settings, Dr Wong must not order diagnostic tests and/or scans when managing medically unstable patients or patients with symptoms or a presentation suggestive of a life-threatening or time-sensitive acute medical condition. This does not preclude Dr Wong from treating patients in cases of a medical emergency, such as administering immediate life-saving procedures (e.g., cardiopulmonary resuscitation if a patient is in cardiac arrest).

- (d) Dr Wong must not offer or pay commissions, or otherwise offer or provide gratuitous payments, gifts or rewards, to ambulance services (including emergency ambulance or medical transport vehicles) for patients referred to the place(s) at which he practises.
- (e) Dr Wong must inform the SMC of all places at which he practises or intends to practise.
- (f) Dr Wong must inform any organisation or person employing him for medical work that his registration is subject to the above conditions.

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