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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR FOO YEW SIN PATRICK**

1. A Disciplinary Committee (DC) Inquiry ("Inquiry") was held on 5 October 2011 for Dr Foo Yew Sin Patrick ("Dr Foo"), age 46 years, a registered medical practitioner practising as a General Practitioner at Little Cross Family Clinic, Block 929, Tampines St 91, #01-445, Singapore 520929. The proceedings arose out of a complaint to the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) dated 10 August 2007 by the Ministry of Health.
2. Dr Foo faced 10 charges for failing to exercise due care in the management of his patients by inappropriately prescribing Subutex.
3. Dr Foo pleaded guilty to the 10 charges at the Inquiry and accordingly, the DC convicted him of the charges.
4. The DC stated that a medical practitioner ought to be aware of, and should adhere to good clinical practice on the prescription of medication. Prolonged prescription of Subutex without specialist referral, or a proper management plan or in a manner not in accordance with the MOH Guidelines is inappropriate and unprofessional.
5. Taking into account the mitigating factors, the DC ordered that Dr Foo be fined \$3,000 and censured. The DC also ordered that Dr Foo provide a written undertaking to the SMC that he will not engage in the conduct complained of, or of any similar conduct. Dr Foo was also ordered to bear the costs and expenses of and incidentals to these proceedings, including the costs of the counsel to the SMC and the Legal Assessor.
6. The DC also ordered that the Grounds of Decision be published.

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