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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **SMC TO APPLY TO COURT TO SET ASIDE DR SOO SHUENN CHIANG'S CONVICTION**

1. The Singapore Medical Council (SMC) has received new information on the case of Dr Soo Shuenn Chiang from the brother and husband of the patient who lodged the complaint against him. As the new information raises doubt on the circumstances surrounding the incident, in the interest of justice, the SMC will be applying to the Court of Three Judges for Dr Soo's conviction to be set aside. The SMC will provide the new information to the Court of Three Judges as part of this application.
2. On 14 March 2019, SMC announced its decision to apply to the High Court for an extension of time to appeal for a reduction of the fine imposed against Dr Soo. The brother of the patient subsequently published his account of the incident on social media.
3. As a result, the SMC approached both the patient's brother and husband to record their statements. These statements were not obtained by the Complaints Committee prior to its referral of the patient's complaint against Dr Soo for a formal inquiry by a Disciplinary Tribunal (DT).
4. As previously announced, the Ministry of Health has formed a Workgroup to undertake a comprehensive review and to make appropriate recommendations on, amongst others, the SMC's disciplinary process. The SMC will provide its fullest support to the Workgroup's independent review and continue to review its disciplinary processes and ensure that all complaints are thoroughly investigated prior to any referral to a DT.