

**SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY AGAINST
DR AAG ON WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Disciplinary Committee:

Prof Raj Nambiar (Chairman)
Dr Lim Cheok Peng
Dr Lee Woon Kwang
Mr Wu Tuck Seng (Lay Member)

Legal Assessor:

Mr Goh Joon Seng (Consultant, M/s Lee & Lee)

Prosecution Counsel (M/s WongPartnership):

Mr Tan Chee Meng S.C.
Ms Melanie Ho
Ms Kylee Kwek

Defence Counsel (M/s Rodyk & Davidson LLP):

Mr Lek Siang Pheng
Mr Terence Tan

DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

(Note: Certain information may be redacted or anonymised to protect the identity of the parties.)

VERDICT:

1. You, Dr. AAG, have been charged with 42 counts of professional misconduct, to wit, failure to exercise due care in the management of your patients, an offence under Section 45(1)(d) punishable under Section 45(2) of the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174). You have pleaded guilty to the charges. The Committee has considered the mitigation plea of your counsel and the submissions of solicitor for the Medical Council. The Committee has also taken into account the following:
 - (a) The Agreed Statements of Facts; and
 - (b) The Sentencing Precedents

2. The Committee also notes the following:
 - (a) Your clinic was described as a Drug Addict Detoxification Clinic;
 - (b) You had the benefit of experience in managing drug addicts while serving as a Medical Officer at the Institution A; and
 - (c) You also had attended the Certified Training Course for Treatment of Opiate Abuse and Dependence.

Yet, you failed to apply the expected standard of good practice in the management of your patients.

SENTENCE:

3. The offence giving rise to these proceedings is a serious one for a member of the medical profession. Having considered all these factors, we order:
 - (a) That you be suspended from practice for a period of **3** months;
 - (b) That you be fined the sum of **\$5,000**;
 - (c) That you be censured;
 - (d) That you give a written undertaking to the Medical Council that you will not engage in the conduct complained of or any similar conduct; and
 - (e) That you pay the costs and expenses of and incidental to these proceedings, including the costs of the solicitor to the Medical Council and the Legal Assessor.

4. The hearing is hereby concluded.

Dated this 17th September 2008.