



Singapore
Medical
Association

PARTNERING DOCTORS, **SHAPING** **HEALTHCARE**

COUNTRY REPORT

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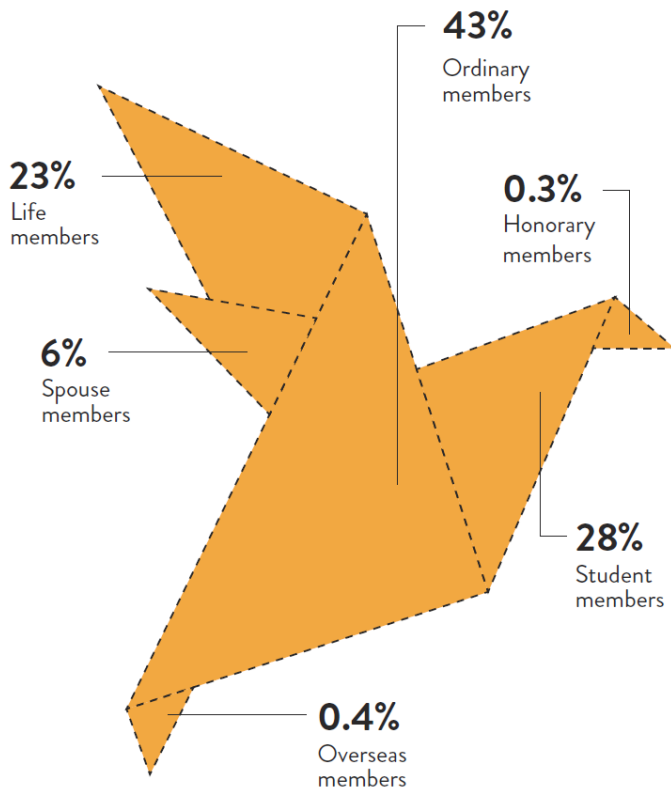
64th SMA COUNCIL (2023/2024)

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Key Statistics in 2022

SMA Membership

TOTAL > 8,257



Professional Development

16
Webinars and courses

49
CME activities

Up to 60
CME points

7,867
Participants

Advocacy & Representation

1 Policy submission

1 Media statement

1 Survey

6 Key governments meetings

7 Media citations

Membership & Engagement

6 Student engagement activities

>30
Membership privileges



7 New lifestyle partners

SMA Charity Fund

51
Bursaries

\$255,000
Disbursed

\$448,565
Raised

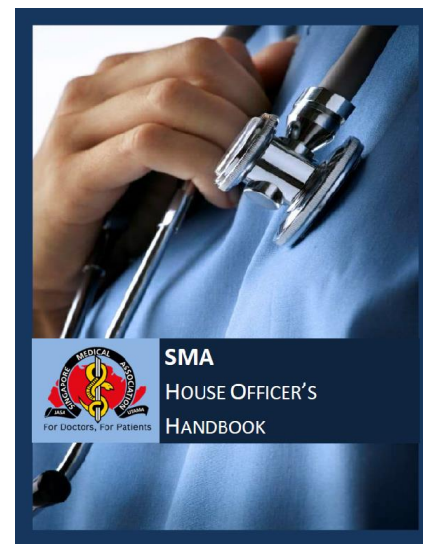
Advocating for Patients and the Profession

Health Insurance

SMA continued its work on the Multilateral Healthcare Insurance Committee (MHIC). These measures seek to improve patient access to care, and also reduce the administrative workload for doctors so that they may better focus their efforts on patient care.

Welfare of Junior Doctors

- **Doctors-in-Training Committee** continued to lobby for sustainable working conditions of junior doctors in public healthcare institutions in the past year.
- **SMA HO Helpline on Telegram** is a free resource launched by the DIT Committee and run by a small group of SMA volunteers.
- ***SMA House Officer's Handbook***



Advocating for Patients and the Profession

Healthier SG

- A national initiative by the Ministry of Health (MOH) focusing on preventive health
- Focus group discussions for GPs, providing a platform for participants to contribute to the discussion on the scheme.



Professionalism and Ethics

- A support programme for doctors facing SMC disciplinary proceedings was also jointly established with AMS and CFPS.

Advocating for Patients and the Profession

Health Issues Raised in Parliament

- Third-party administrators (TPAs)
- Protecting healthcare workers (HCWs) from abuse.

COVID-19 Efforts

In March 2022, SMA co-organised an online dialogue session on COVID-19 infection and vaccination for children with MOH. The session was especially helpful in addressing concerns when the vaccine was first approved for young children.

Partnering and Supporting SMA Members

Supporting Medical Students

- TriMedSoc Alliance co-organised the SMA 4th National Medical Students Convention with SMA from 30 April to 1 May 2022.
- Theme: Through the Eyes of Medical Students: Challenges We Face and Hopes We Share



Networking and Social Events

- SMA-NK Yong Wine Appreciation Chapter
- 46th SMA-Goldplus Universal Inter-Hospital Soccer Tournament

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EVENTS HELD IN 2022

Name of Event	CME Points	No. of Runs	Participants		Total
			SMA Members	Non-SMA Members	
Medical Ethics, Professionalism and Healthcare Course	10	4	119	313	432
Medicine, Doctors and the Law Series	1	6	117	147	264
Mental Capacity Act COP Webinar	2	1	176	35	211
Issuing a Lasting Power of Attorney under the Mental Capacity Act (2008)	2	1	215	41	256
Revisiting Mental Capacity Assessments for Primary Care Doctors	2	1	77	28	105
Fight against Obesity and Diabetes	2	1	166	-	166
Update on Oesophageal Cancer	2	1	102	1	103
Improving Our Care of Patients with Cardio Metabolic Disorders	2	1	102	1	103

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Addressing Mental Capacity

Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice (COP) Webinar

- The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) launched the OPG Online (OPGO) system – an online platform to facilitate transactions with the OPG.

Certifying LPA under the Mental Capacity Act – Understanding the Issues and Avoiding the Pitfalls

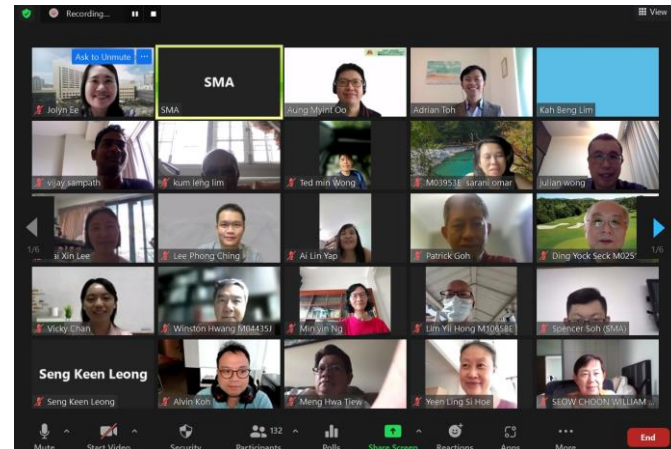
- The webinar included topics on:
 - (1) the legal basis of the LPA in the Mental Capacity Act;
 - (2) the various steps in certifying an LPA;
 - (3) appreciation of the various medical issues in mental capacity assessment of the donor; and
 - (4) medical and legal red flags and pitfalls.

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GP Forum

In organising these webinars and seminars, SMA aims to keep our profession and members updated on relevant medical knowledge. By equipping participants with the latest information in medical treatment options, we seek to support our members as they take care of the Singaporean population's health.

- *Fight against Obesity and Diabetes*
- *Update on Oesophageal Cancer*



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Singapore Medical Journal

Key Highlights In 2022



350

Submissions



282

Reviewers



3.331

Impact factor



24

CME quizzes



149

Published Articles

In 2022, the *Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ)* achieved several major milestones:

1. A historic impact factor (IF) of 3.331, moving the *SMJ* up in the “Medicine, General and Internal” category from the third to the second quartile (Journal Citation Reports, Clarivate 2022).
2. *SMJ*’s transition in July 2022 to partnering with a publisher, Wolters Kluwer Medknow.
3. The transition of the *SMJ* to an online-only journal, and the December 2022 issue marked the final time that the journal was distributed as a print copy.

Thank you!