

# SGH Alumni Newsletter

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## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### Clinician Leadership Appointments



**Dr Phua Ghee Chee**

Head

*Department of Respiratory & Critical Care  
Medicine*

*Singapore General Hospital*



**Ms Jennifer Liaw**

Head

*Department of Physiotherapist  
Singapore General Hospital*



**Mr Ang Kwok Ann**

Chief Financial Officer

*Singapore General Hospital*

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

### FIRST JACIE ACCREDITED HAEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANT (HSCT) CENTRE IN ASIA

The Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) Centre in SGH is the first in Asia to be accredited to the highest standards by JACIE (Joint Accreditation Committee—ISCT and EBMT). Led by Dr Aloysius Ho, the entire accreditation preparation spanned over three years and the HSCT/ Haematology team worked closely with the labs, other clinical departments and the team from Quality Management. The JACIE accreditation meant that patients can be assured that the centre's standards are held to the highest levels and safe and good quality service is provided to all patients and donors. ■



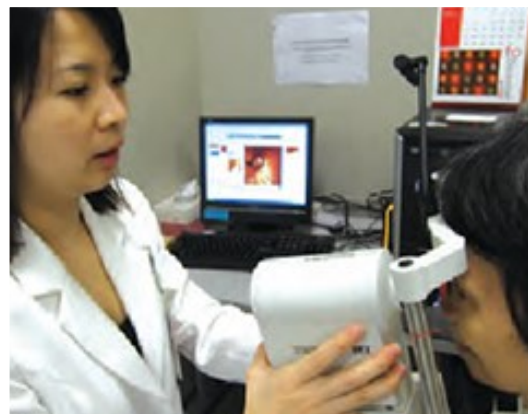
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SGH HSCT has performed more than 1,300 transplants over the last 30 years!

### NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SERI AND SANTAN PHARMACEUTICAL

The partnership between Singapore Eye Research Institute (SERI) and Japanese company, Santen Pharmaceutical, was announced at the 32nd Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress at the Suntec Convention Centre on 6 March 2017. SERI and Santen will collaborate and conduct research on major eye diseases in Asia and a total of S\$37million will be invested into the Santen-SERIlab at the Academia over the next five years. Scientists from both organizations will be working hand-in-hand on new product development, focusing on areas such as glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, ocular infections and myopia. For more information about SERI, please visit [www.seri.com.sg](http://www.seri.com.sg). ■



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## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

### LAUNCH OF SINGHEALTH COLLEGES AND COLLABORATION WITH SCDF

On 11 Jan 2017, Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean officiated the launch of SingHealth Academy's colleges and medical simulation institute. The colleges will play a key role in training the clinical skills of healthcare students, graduates and professionals across the continuum of education—from undergraduate to postgraduate and continuing professional education to faculty development. The five colleges and institute are:

- College of Allied Health
- College of Clinical Dentistry
- College of Clinical Medicine
- College of Clinical Nursing
- College of Healthcare Administration and Leadership
- SingHealth Duke-NUS Institute of Medical Simulation (SIMS)

Also, SingHealth and the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the launch to advance paramedic training for the nation. The MOU will span six years and SIMS will be providing simulation training and experiential learning for SCDF paramedics to equip them with confidence to handle different real-life emergency situations. For more information, please visit [www.singhealthacademy.edu.sg](http://www.singhealthacademy.edu.sg). ■



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### INTEGRATION OF SINGHEALTH & EASTERN HEALTH ALLIANCE



The Ministry of Health announced on 18 Jan 2017 that the healthcare system will be reorganized into three integrated clusters. This move will see the merger of:

- Eastern Region — Singapore Health Services (SingHealth) and Eastern Health Alliance (EHA)
- Central Region — National Healthcare Group (NHG) and Alexandra Health System (AHS)
- Western Region — National University Health System (NUHS) and Jurong Health Services (JurongHealth)

To facilitate a smooth transition, 11 workgroups were formed to share, learn and implement best practices with customization to meet regional need and demographics. The reorganization is expected to be completed by early 2018. ■



#### Eastern Region Integrated Healthcare Cluster

Merger of	: SingHealth & EHA
Headed by	: Prof Ivy Ng, GCEO, SingHealth
Acute Hospitals	: Singapore General Hospital, Changi General Hospital & Sengkang General Hospital
Community Hospitals	: Bright Vision Hospital, Outram Community Hospital, Sengkang Community Hospital
Primary Care (Polyclinics)	: Bedok, Bukit Merah, Marine Parade, Outram, Pasir Ris, Sengkang, Tampines, Eunos, Punggol
National Specialty Centres	: KKH, NCCS, NDCS, NHCS, NNI, SNEC
Medical School	: Duke-NUS Medical School

## EVENTS OVERVIEW



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From 5—11 November 2016, the Home Nursing Foundation's (HNF) roving photo exhibition will be at Academia. An initiative by HNF, the Portraits of Love Photo Exhibition capture stories of Love, Dignity, Acceptance and Family. Each photo tells an inspiring story about one of HNF's beneficiary. For more information, visit [www.portraitsoflove.sg](http://www.portraitsoflove.sg). ■



DPM Teo (centre) accepting the \$8.8 million cheque on behalf of NCCS. With him are (from left) Dr Charles Tob, Prof Soo Khuee Chee, Mr George Thia and Mdm Ho Geok Choo.

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## COLOURS OF HOPE

On 12 November 2016, National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS) held their biennial charity dinner to raise funds for key cancer care and research initiatives. Close to S\$9 million was raised from the dinner, pledges and donations since April 2016. A charity auction which included a pottery piece by Cultural Medallion award winner and cancer survivor Dr Iskandar Jalil and a painting by renowned local artist Tong Chin Sye, was also held at the dinner and a total of S\$80,000 was raised. The event was graced by Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean. ■



Top: Chair of the EYE Ball 2016, Adjunct Associate Professor Ho Ching Lin (second from right)

Bottom: Professor Tommy Koh, Singapore's Ambassador-at-large, receiving the inaugural Visionary Award 2016.

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## EYE BALL 2016

Organized by the Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC) and Singapore Eye Research Institute (SERI), the EYE Ball is a signature fundraising event held on 19 November 2016 at the John Jacob Ballroom at St Regis to raise funds for the Vision-Save Campaign. The evenings programme was conceptualized by Vision Save Ambassador's Dick Lee and was attended by more than 390 attendees. Prof Tommy Koh, Singapore's Ambassador-at-large was also conferred the inaugural Visionary Award 2016 at EYE Ball which recognize individuals whose efforts have culminated in societal benefit in Singapore and beyond. The VisionSave campaign is SNEC/SERI's inaugural efforts to leverage on philanthropy to innovate and translate medicine in the most impactful manner to ensure the best and optimal outcome for every patient. For more information regarding the VisionSave campaign, please visit [www.visionsave.sg](http://www.visionsave.sg). ■

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## EVENTS OVERVIEW

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### SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER AND JOY AT SGH



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For Chinese New Year, Prof Ivy Ng, Prof Ang Chong Lye and senior management visited the wards and Specialist Out-patient Clinics to present oranges to patients. Hampers were also given to all Class 'C' ward patients. Health Minister Mr Gan Kim Yong also made a special visit to SGH to share the festive joy with patients and staff. ■

Volunteer carollers from various churches such as Hope Church, Bethesda Frankel Estate Church, Orchard Road Presbyterian Church and Renewal Christian Church, showed up at SGH to spread the Christmas joy to patients and staff. The carollers acceded to song requests and spent time chatting with patients, accompanying them and spreading joy to those who are unable to go home on Christmas. ■



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### SINGAPORE HEALTH QUALITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Singapore Health Quality Service Awards (SHQSA) is held annually to honour healthcare professionals who have delivered quality care and excellent service to patients. On 17 January 2017, 1,473 SHQSA winners from SingHealth and winners from 26 other public and private healthcare institutions and agencies from the Intermediate and Long-term Care (ILTC) sector gathered to receive their awards from the Guest-of-Honour, Mr Chee Hong Tat, Minister of State for Health. Nominations for SHQSA 2018 are now open. For more information, please email [awards@singhealth.com.sg](mailto:awards@singhealth.com.sg) or call 6377 8714. ■



*The piano duo, Dr Jipson Quah and his wife, Christine Octaviani, who is part of the line-up for the Pathology ACP Recital*

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### FUNDRAISING CLASSICAL MUSIC RECITAL

On 10 February 2017, SingHealth Pathology Academic Clinical Programme (ACP) organized a Classical Music Recital at the Academia Auditorium to raise funds for Pathology ACP research and education initiatives. Performing at the recital are Pathology ACP's Assoc Prof Kenneth Chang, Head of Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at KKH, Dr Jipson Quah, Dr Cheng Xin Min and Dr Amos Tay from SGH Department of Pathology and renowned violinist, Mr Loh Jun Hong. KKH's Senior Consultant of Microbiology, Adj Assoc Prof Matthias Maiwald also gave a pre-concert lecture titled 'Music, Madness and Microbiology'. The recital has raised S\$100,523. ■

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MARCH

### **3rd & 4th** SingHealth Nursing Conference

The theme of this conference 'Rising Tides: A New Era in Nursing' is intended to evoke aspects of the current changes and exciting transformations in healthcare. This two day SingHealth Nursing Conference will focus on the complexity of healthcare, diseases and the need to train and educate nurses to be able to navigate that. There will also be pre-conference workshops on Wound Care, Perioperative Nursing and Evidence-based Nursing Practice. For more information, please email [ncsc.conference@sgh.com.sg](mailto:ncsc.conference@sgh.com.sg).

### **4th** Understanding Common Urological Conditions

Common Urological conditions - how much do you know about them? Come and hear from our experts. The forum will be conducted in English and Mandarin. Topics covered include Prostate Cancer, Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections, Influence of Diet on Urinary Stone Disease and Nocturia. For more information, please call 6321 4056 / 6321 3312 during office hours from Monday to Friday (9am to 4pm).

### **9th** Update on Management of Diabetes

Diabetes is a complex, chronic illness that is associated with several chronic complications including dental complications. The management of diabetes requires continuous medical care with multi-disciplinary involvement. This lecture will give an update of diabetes management in 3 specific areas, namely therapeutics, glucose monitoring and risk-reduction strategies. For more information, please email [oms@ndcs.com.sg](mailto:oms@ndcs.com.sg).

### **15th** Let's Talk about: Office Ergonomics

Do you experience headaches, backaches, stiff neck and shoulders at the end of the workday? If you do, this talk is for you! Learn more about common injuries due to poor ergonomics, correct working postures, setting up an ergonomic-friendly work station and office stretch exercise. To register, please email [shirley.au.s.w@sgh.com.sg](mailto:shirley.au.s.w@sgh.com.sg).

### **17th** Campus Fellow Forum

This forum aims to provide a platform for foreign doctors who are currently pursuing clinical attachments to share with campus doctors on their learning experiences. At this forum, we also have a Welcome and Network Lunch for foreign Doctors, Nurses and Allied Health Professionals pursuing their training at SingHealth Institutions. To register, kindly email [pgmi.fellowships@sgh.com.sg](mailto:pgmi.fellowships@sgh.com.sg).

**25th GPCME: Colorectal Conditions in Primary Healthcare**

This series of talk will give you updates regarding the latest evidence, treatment options and surgical advances in the management of various colorectal conditions. This talk also hope to provide practical advice regarding common colorectal conditions and problems that you may encounter in your practice. To register, please email [pgmi.gpcme@sgh.com.sg](mailto:pgmi.gpcme@sgh.com.sg).

**APRIL****7th SGH 21st Annual Scientific Meeting**

The theme of this year's meeting is "Compassion, Collaboration, Contribution". We envisage that this meeting will showcase the ongoing efforts within the Campus in delivering healthcare of the highest quality with compassion and through collaboration, to make a meaningful contribution to our society and our future generation. For more information, please email [asm@sgh.com.sg](mailto:asm@sgh.com.sg).

**8th 24th SGH Lecture & Formal Dinner**

The Formal Dinner is an evening of fine dining with good companion, traditionally to celebrate the fellowships and strategic alliance amongst colleagues and associates. It is also an occasion to recognise our senior staff who have made significant contributions over the years. This year, we are privileged to have Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence, to grace this event and deliver the 24th SGH Lecture. For more information, please email [sghfd@sgh.com.sg](mailto:sghfd@sgh.com.sg).

**12th Singapore Neonatal Resuscitation Course (Recertification)****13th Singapore Neonatal Resuscitation Course**

Accredited by the National Resuscitation Council of Singapore, this workshop covers the principles of neonatal resuscitation and the basic skills of resuscitation. Participants will have an opportunity to use an interactive simulator manikin with realistic new born traits and lifelike clinical feedback. For more information, please visit [www.pgmi.com.sg](http://www.pgmi.com.sg).

**5TH SINGAPORE REHABILITATION CONFERENCE**

*Integrating Rehabilitation Care: From Hospital to the Community*  
7 - 8 September 2017 | Academia, SGH Campus

**18 JUNE 2017**

Extended Deadline for  
**Abstract Submissions & Early Bird Registration**



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