



## **SGH Pharmacy promoting Continuous Professional Education**

In this month's issue, PGAHI celebrates the contributions that pharmacists make to our healthcare system. The role of a pharmacist has shifted from just dispensing medication to being increasingly involved in healthcare education.

PGAHI works with SGH Pharmacy in organizing 10 complimentary Continuing Professional Education (CPE) lectures for pharmacists each year. The lectures were well-subscribed with a total number of 777 training participants in FY17. This would not be possible without Ken Yu and the invited speakers' unceasing support in our shared goal of broadening knowledge and learning amongst pharmacists!



## Making continuing education accessible and affordable

- e2i Training Grant

PGAHI strives to leverage on external resources to ensure our course fees remain affordable amidst the rising operating costs. **Employment** partners with Employability Institute (e2i) to offer training to Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents attending **PGAHI** courses. To date, 100% of the courses submitted for e2i training grant approved. We would like to thank e2i for their continuous support in Allied Health education and training.







## **PGAHI's long established partnerships**

PGAHI partners with LivingWorks and Mental Health First Aid Singapore to organize the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course respectively. These 10-year long established courses have benefitted a wide range of healthcare professionals from the acute and community hospitals and nursing homes. Both courses have been well-received with near full class size for every run! To-date, we have trained an estimated total of 744 participants for ASIST and 200 participants for the MHFA course. We would like to thank our trainers, none other than our very own SGH Medical Social Workers, for ensuring consistently high quality standards!

### Appreciating our new partners

As part of PGAHI's efforts in ensuring our courses remain up-to-date and relevant to the changing healthcare needs, we have collaborated with Society of the Physically Disabled (SPD) to conduct the "Prescription of Powered Mobility Aids: Building Confidence through Practice" course in February 2018 and Ms Marjorie Brook for the "Scar Tissue Release and Integration Technique (STRAIT) Method<sup>TM</sup>" course in April 2018.



#### of Powered Prescription Mobility Aids: **Building Confidence through Practice**

Mr Tan Chuan Hoh, Ms Michele Balatico and Ms Ong Yu Yuan, Occupational Therapists from SPD, delivered this 2-day training which helped equip participants with knowledge and skills on the features of powered mobility aids and how to match these to clients' needs. Occupational Therapists who completed the course came from both the hospital and community sectors, and they gave this course a high rating of 4.3, on a 5-point rating scale on overall satisfaction. We would like to thank SPD for their support in this training!

"Having the chance to practice on the actual bus/ MRT was really helpful."



#### Scar Tissue Release and Integration Technique (STRAIT) Method™

This 3-day course was conducted by Ms Marjorie Brook, therapist and creator of the STRAIT Method™, a fascial release system that minimises development physiological scar-tissue and restrictions. We would like to thank Marjorie for equipping our clinicians with the techniques to improve treatment outcomes for our cancer and burns patients. We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Dr Virginia Lien for the sponsorship, which helped in lowering the participants' course fee. This course achieved a remarkable overall satisfaction MRI of 4.5, on a 5point rating scale.

"Marjorie was wonderful, extremely knowledgeable and practical presentation!"





# Congratulations to our Graduates of the 6th LSBU BSc (Hons) Radiographic Studies

The Graduation Ceremony is the highlight of the Bachelor of Science (Hons) Radiographic Studies which started in Year 2012 as collaboration between London South Bank University (LSBU) and SGH-Postgraduate Allied Health Institute (SGH-PGAHI).

We are immensely proud of our 24 graduates who worked tirelessly and successfully completed LSBU BSc (Hons) Radiographic Studies. We would like to thank our Guest-of-Honour, Dr Lau Hong Choon, for gracing this joyous celebration. Special thanks to LSBU Faculty for making this occasion a memorable one!

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