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Medical Protection



# SPOTLIGHT ON RISK

MEDICOLEGAL AND ETHICS CONFERENCE

EVENTS THAT INSPIRE

Time: 14.00 – 16.15

## Programme

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14.00

### Welcome and introduction

**Dr Rob Hendry**, Medical Director, Medical Protection, and Conference Chair

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14.05

### Panel session | Adverse outcomes in remote consultation and telemedicine services

**Summary:** Clinical practice has undergone a digital revolution during the pandemic and the interaction between doctors and patients has deeply changed. During the panel discussion we will address the risks on the medicolegal, ethical, and communication challenges which telemedicine creates.

Session includes:

- Informed consent
- Protection of data and confidentiality
- Training and professionalism
- Does telemedicine introduce a new form of malpractice?

**Moderator: Dr Rob Hendry**

**Dr Danny Lee**, Senior Medical Consultant, Medical Protection

**Ms Mak Wei Munn**, Partner, Allen & Gledhill, LLP

**Dr Sara Sreih**, Medicolegal Consultant, Medical Protection

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14.45

### Break

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14.50

### Welcome back

**Dr Rob Hendry**

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14.55

### Panel session | Lessons from litigations in clinical negligence claims

**Summary:** What should you do when a patient is taking legal action? It is not easy when receiving a clinical negligence claim. The professional, personal, and psychological stress can be overwhelming.

During this session, our experts will navigate through a clinical negligence claim, focusing on the legal process, and the clinician's perspective.

**Moderator: Dr Rob Hendry**

**Dr Danny Lee**, Senior Medicolegal Consultant, Medical Protection

**Dr Charles Lin**, Managing Director, Charles Lin, LLP

**Dr Sara Sreih**, Medicolegal Consultant, Medical Protection

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15.35

### Panel session | A medicolegal and ethical focus in the digital era: The doctor-patient relationship, and communications

**Summary:** The digital revolution in clinical practice has transformed interactions between doctor and patient. How should clinicians establish ethical boundaries between themselves, their patients, and others online?

During this session, our experts will discuss case studies on social media, messaging apps, and online reviews.

**Moderator: Dr Rob Hendry**

**Ms Vanessa Lim**, Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson, LLP

**Dr Sara Sreih**, Medicolegal Consultant, Medical Protection

**Professor T Thirumothy**, Adjunct Professor at Duke NUS Medical School

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16.10

### Final remarks

**Dr Rob Hendry**

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## Biographies

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### Dr Rob Hendry

Medical Director, Medical Protection

Dr Hendry is a native of Glasgow and studied medicine at Dundee University, graduating in 1981. He was a partner in an urban teaching practice in Dundee for over 12 years. He developed an interest in medical law and completed an MPhil in Law and Ethics in Medicine at Glasgow University in 1992. This led to consultancy work for Medical Protection and part-time teaching at Dundee University. He took up a full-time appointment as a medicolegal adviser with the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland in 1996 and remained there until he moved to Medical Protection when a Scottish office was opened in 2009.

Dr Hendry is a Foundation Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine and continues to have an interest in teaching, having honorary positions at several universities. He has an interest in mediation and has served on a number of governmental working parties looking at alternative approaches to dispute management. Having completed his MBA at Strathclyde University Graduate Business School in 2001, he has continued to develop his business interests. In 2011, he was appointed Deputy Medical Director, and in 2013 became Medical Director of Medical Protection, and is currently responsible for medicolegal services delivered by Medical Protection to its members worldwide.

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### Dr Danny Lee

Senior Medical Adviser, Medical Protection

Dr Lee Wai Hung graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong with distinctions in paediatrics and surgery in 1991. He received postgraduate surgical training at Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong and Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, US. Dr Lee has researched and published widely in the field of gastrointestinal endoscopy and minimal invasive surgery.

He was twice awarded the best research paper by the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, in 2000, and 2002. Dr Lee obtained his doctorate degree in medicine in 2005. Having also studied law, he has obtained three post-graduate law degrees. Dr Lee has developed particular research interests in medical negligence, conflicts management, and alternative dispute resolution. He was awarded a distinction in the Master's Degree in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (HKU). Apart from clinical works, Dr Lee is an accredited general mediator (HKMAAL and HKIAC), and a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK. .

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### Vanessa Lim

Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk

Vanessa Lim is a senior partner in Dentons Rodyk's, Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group. She is also Co-Head of the Professional Liability/Healthcare practice.

Vanessa's primary practice is civil litigation. She has worked on a range of matters, including banking and insolvency disputes, cases involving corporate fraud, tortious and personal injury claims.

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### Charles Lin

Managing Director, Charles Lin, LLC

Charles, the founding Director heads two teams of lawyers dedicated to medico-dento-legal defence work at Charles Lin LLC. The firm is also one of two firms in Singapore actively involved in defending traditional Chinese medicine practitioners at disciplinary inquiries and against civil claims.

With nearly 30 years of experience under his belt, Charles has been widely regarded in the medico-dento-legal industry for his experience and knowledge. In 2018, Charles was invited by the Law Society of Singapore to provide valued opinion and responses to legislative changes to the High Court and State Courts' Protocol on medicolegal claims.

Charles is one of the very few lawyers in Singapore who has successfully obtained acquittals at Singapore Medical Council inquiries. He has also been involved in landmark medical cases in the Court of Three Judges of the High Court of Singapore.

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## Ms Mak Wei Munn

Partner, Allen & Gledhill, LLP

Wei Munn's practice is in litigation and disputes resolution and includes a well-established professional liability portfolio.

She leads a specialist practice team with extensive experience in healthcare advisory and disputes matters. She has acted for prominent healthcare institutions and leading professionals across a range of specialist disciplines in civil claims, disciplinary proceedings, and inquiries. She also advises the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries on regulatory compliance and ethical issues.

Wei Munn graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LL.B (Hons) degree. She joined Allen & Gledhill after being called to the Singapore Bar in 1997 and was admitted to partnership in 2005.

Wei Munn is an Honorary Legal Adviser to the Singapore Medical Association (SMA) and serves on the faculty of the SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism. She is also an appointed member of the National Transplant Ethics Panel of Laypersons and the Allied Health Professions Council's Complaints Panel.

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## Dr Sara Sreih

Medicolegal Consultant, Medical Protection

Dr Sreih graduated from University College London in 2008 with a degree in medicine, having also obtained a BSc in neuroscience and basic medical sciences. She went on to train in psychiatry in West London, gaining membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. She has worked as a postgraduate medical education and clinical risk fellow, and obtained a postgraduate diploma in clinical education at UCL Institute of Education. Dr Sreih joined Medical Protection in 2016, and now works as a medicolegal consultant advising and supporting members in Asia and the Caribbean.

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## Dr T Thirumoorthy

Adjunct Professor, Programme Director, Professionalism Development Programme

Dr Thirumoorthy currently holds the position of Adjunct Professor at Duke NUS Medical School, Singapore and works as Director in the Professionalism Development Program of the Office of Academic Appointments & Development. He is one of the Founding faculty of Duke-NUS Medical School having joined the school in 2007.

Dr Thirumoorthy was the founding director of the Singapore Medical Association Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (SMA CMEP), serving as the Executive Director from 2000-2003 and 2011 to 2016. He currently holds the position as Academic Director.

Dr Thirumoorthy graduated as a medical doctor from the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur in 1972 and went on to be trained in internal medicine and dermatology. He was the founding director of SGH Dermatology department in 2002 and served in SGH dermatology till 2017.

Dr Thirumoorthy served as Group Chief Medical Officer of IHH Healthcare from May 2017 and retired in December 2019.

He holds a masters degree in Healthcare Ethics and Law from the University of Manchester (2007) and completed the Masters in Counselling (Monash) in 2015.

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