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From the desk of

SDA SECRETARIAT OFFICE

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Revised indication on the use of risperidone for treatment of dementia

HSA, in consultation with its Medicines Advisory Committee, would like to update healthcare professionals on the new restrictions on the use of risperidone-containing products, following concerns on the higher risk of cerebrovascular adverse events (CVAE) in patients with mixed/vascular dementia (MD/VD) versus Alzheimer's dementia (AD). HSA's benefit-risk assessment, which considered the current available scientific evidence, the local situation and the input of local clinical experts, concluded that the benefit-risk profile of risperidone remains favourable. However, the licensed indication of risperidone will be revised to the short-term treatment of persistent aggression in patients with AD only. It will no longer be recommended for use in other types of dementia, such as MD/VD. Physicians are advised to assess the risks and benefits of the use of risperidone in elderly patients with dementia, taking into account risk predictors for stroke in the individual patient.

Patients/caregivers should be cautioned to immediately report signs and symptoms of potential CVAEs, such as sudden weakness or numbness in the face, arms or legs, and speech or vision problems. All treatment options should be considered without delay, including discontinuation of risperidone. Patients should be re-assessed regularly to determine the need for continued treatment.

[Please refer to the Dear Healthcare Professional Letter \(DHCPL\) for details.](#)

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CHAS & MEDISAVE: Know the Pitfalls

Date:

Thursday, 4 August 2016

Time:

6.30pm – 7.00pm: Registration & Buffet Dinner

7.00pm – 9.30pm: Talk followed by Q&A

Venue:

Medical Alumni Association (Arthur Lim Auditorium)

Level 2, 2 College Road, Singapore 169850

Credit:

3 CDE Points

Do you really know the rules and limits of the two schemes?

Have you been audited and told that some claims were disallowed?

How do you advise your patients to utilize the schemes?

If you have wondered about this, [sign up for this evening](#) and pose your questions to our distinguished panel.

Speaker:

Dr. Raymond Ang, Chief Operating Officer, Q&M

Panelists:

A/P Patrick Tseng, Chief Dental Officer

CI A/P Andrew Tay, Dental Advisor (Medisave)

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Sleep Medicine for the Dentist

The “[Sleep Medicine for the Dentist](#)” Symposium is organized to raise funds for the Edmund Tay Mai Hiong (ETMH) Endowed Fund.

The Fund was established to support a distinguished speakers’ programme and a graduate scholarship in dental sleep medicine at the Faculty of Dentistry in honour of Dr Edmund Tay Mai Hiong, our former Professor of Prosthetic Dentistry and first Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. As the first and longest serving Dean, he contributed towards building the reputation of the Faculty producing graduates of international standing.

The target to be raised is \$625,000. The Faculty is grateful to the Tay Family who donated \$312,500 to kick start the establishment of this Fund. Past students and friends of Dr Edmund Tay are encouraged to donate generously to this Fund.

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Note: This information is sent on behalf of Oral Maxillofacial Practice. For any enquiry, please refer to the contact details as indicated.

Management of Impacted teeth and roots

The Oral Maxillofacial Practice is proud to present "[Management of Impacted teeth and roots](#)", a lecture and hands-on based course, for the third year running.

This year we have doubled the number of participants to 40 due to overwhelming response.

This course is targeted at Dental GPs who are keen on learning surgical basics to carry out their operations safely and effectively.

We look forward to sharing our surgical knowledge and experience with you!

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ORAL HUMOUR – The Show with Bite

The Faculty of Dentistry, NUS has specially commissioned "[ORAL HUMOUR – The Show with Bite](#)", a variety comedy show that celebrates the art of dentistry and takes a look at life from the dentist's chair.

Produced by "Queen of Comedy" Andrea Teo, this sidesplitting comedy is directed by Jonathan Lim, written by Desmond Sim and features a cast of toothy talents including Hossan Leong, Koh Chieng Mun, Nora Samosir, Darius Tan, Dennis Heng and Yeo Yann Yann, winner of Best Supporting Actress Award at the 2013 Golden Horse Film Festival.

The charity show on 28th August 2016 at The Esplanade Concert Hall, will raise funds for programmes to enhance the delivery of oral health care and drive new breakthroughs in dentistry.

There are 3 tiers of seating pegged at donations of \$500, \$300 or \$150 per seat. Donations qualify for 250% tax deduction.

Please give your support. More information is available at the Faculty's website link below.

http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/Alumni/oral_humour.html

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