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### *Pharmacists' Pledge Affirmation Ceremony*

The inaugural Pharmacists' Pledge Affirmation Ceremony will be held on 29 May 2008. The current batch of newly registered pharmacists will be taking the pledge. So are other pharmacists who are coming for this event.

This is a historical moment for pharmacists in Singapore. It will continue to be an annual affair henceforth.

### *CPDS Training Workshop*

SPB is organising a training workshop to help pharmacists who may have problems logging in CPE points. The workshop is scheduled to be held during May (date and venue to be confirmed). The trainers will walk through the CPDS claims submission process at this hands-on session.

If you are interested to come for this workshop, do contact the Board office at 63251615 or email [moh\\_spb@moh.gov.sg](mailto:moh_spb@moh.gov.sg) to register. Closing date is 25 April 2008.

### *CPDS Submission – 91% have logged in!*

As of end Mar 2008, 91% of the total 1,516 registered pharmacists have logged in CPE points into the CPDS. This is up from 86% in Nov 2007.

923 (62%) have chalked up 25 or more points, and 405 (27%) have achieved the required 50 CPE points. Keep it up.

Pharmacists who have problems using the CPDS, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office staff for assistance.

### *Did you know?*

**Qn: Can I make prospective CPE claims for events I will be attending?**

**SPB:** CPE claims must be claimed *after* the actual activity e.g. you can only submit claims for live events you have already attended, or journals you have read. The CPDS does not allow prospective claims to be made online.

**Qn: Some of my pending claims are still not processed. Why?**

**SPB:** For claims made in categories 1C, 2A, 2B and 3B, substantiating documents should be sent to the Board office to facilitate processing. For 3A activities that are not from the recommended list of materials (journals/online education), you should also provide information on the material, as well as accreditation information, if any. **Tip:** If your material can be found in the drop-down list found at the 3A claims

page, it will be automatically processed by the system immediately.

**Qn: What substantiating documents are required to process pending claims?**

**SPB:** For 1C claims: event brochure/event website + certificate of attendance

For 2A claims: actual or abstract of published article

For 2B claims: softcopy of poster or other evidence of presentation made at accredited event.

For 3A claims made from recommended materials: details of journal/book &/or accreditation status (e.g. ACPE)

For 3B claims: letter certifying period of study + course details

**Qn: What substantiating documents are required for proration of CPE points due to residence/employment overseas?**

**SPB:** Relevant documents that may include, but are not limited to: immigration visas, immigration stamps, air-ticket stubs, employment letters stating period of employment.

If there are further queries you would like us to clarify, send us an [email](#), or call us at +65-63251615. Our working hours are from Mondays to Fridays, 8:30am to 5:30pm.

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