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The Pharmacists' Pledge and Ceremony

The Singapore Pharmacy Board, in the presence of a congregation of pharmacists, guests, members from the academia, professional and healthcare institutions and the guest-of-honour Minister for Health, Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, witnessed the first pledging-in of the 2008 cohort of new pharmacists in the inaugural Pharmacist's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony, which was held on the 29 May 2008 at the College of Medicine Auditorium.

A total of 67 pharmacy graduates who had recently completed their pre-registration training together with 130 registered pharmacists participated in the ceremony. The pledge was developed by a workgroup appointed by the Singapore Pharmacy Board with input from Board members, fellow pharmacists and lay persons.

The members of the workgroup were Dr. Chui Wai Keung (Deputy Head Pharmacy Department, NUS), Ms. Geraldine Koh (Senior Pharmacist, Alexandra Hospital), Mr. Lee Jet Tong (Medical Services Manager, Merck Sharp and Dohme), Mr. Benjamin Ong (Pharmacist, HSA), Ms. See Yen Theng (Business Manager, NHG Pharmacy), Ms Shyamala Nara (Senior Principal Clinical Pharmacist, SGH Pharmacy) and Ms Yow Kah Lai (Manager, Pharmacy Service, MOH).

The Pharmacist's Pledge is made up of ten statements which are formulated around the acronym "PHARMACIST" and describes the values, ethics, vision and professionalism which should be embraced by all pharmacists. The pledge serves to remind pharmacists of their duties and responsibilities toward their patients, colleagues and the society.

Pharmacists solemnly pledged to:

- P**ractise my profession with honesty, integrity and compassion;
- H**onour traditions and embrace advances in my profession;
- A**bide to the governing laws and Code of Ethics;
- R**espect and keep in confidence patient information;
- M**aintain a high standard of professional competence through life long learning;
- A**lways place patient's interests first and treat them equally;
- C**ollaborate with other healthcare colleagues to achieve the desired treatment outcomes;
- I**mpart my knowledge, experience and skills to nurture future pharmacists;
- S**trive to provide high quality and cost-effective health services and products;
- T**ranslate scientific advances into better healthcare."

The Pharmacist's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony will be an annual event.

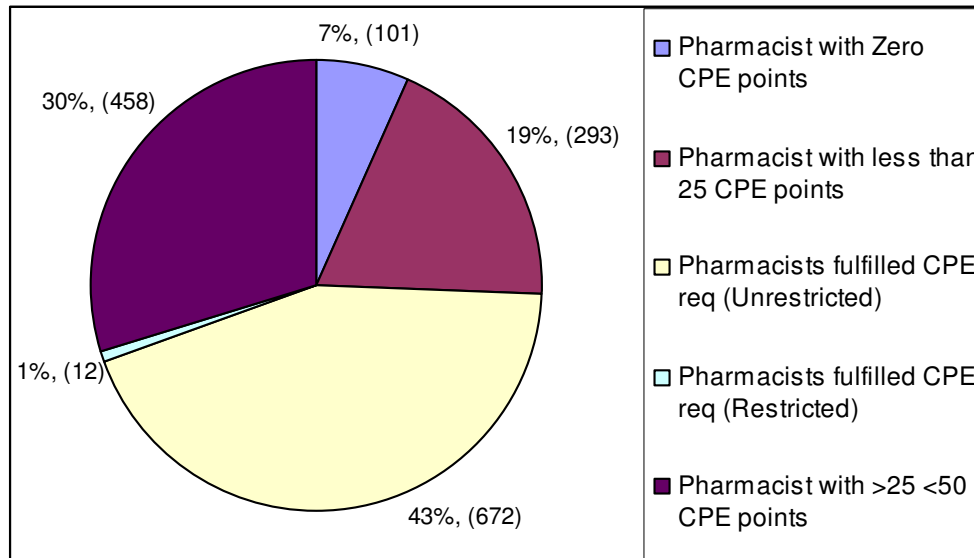


CPDS Submission – 93% have logged in!

As of mid June 2008, 93% of the total 1,536 registered pharmacists have logged in CPE points into the CPDS. This is up from 91% in April 2008.

1142 (74%) have chalked up 25 or more points, and 684 (44%) have achieved their required 50 CPE points. Keep it up!

Please do not hesitate to contact the Board office staff for assistance, if you have any problems using the CPDS to submit claims.



Did you know?

60 days until the end of the current CPE Qualifying Period!

Did you know.... that the closing date of the Qualifying Period is on 31 August 2008? If you have completed your CPE requirements, congratulations! If not, it is still not too late.

Did you know that there is no minimum requirement for non patient-care points?

Although you need to achieve a minimum of 15 patient-care points for a normal practising certificate (PC), there is no minimum requirement for non patient-care points (i.e. you may achieve **ALL** 50 points under patient-care areas).

****Note** that if you achieve less than 15 patient care points out of the required 50 CPE points, your PC will be restricted to non patient care areas.

Get CPE points from attending FREE Public Health Lectures!

Did you know....that you can sign up to receive email alerts about Public Health lectures at MOH? Pharmacists who attend will receive 1 CPE point under category 1B. Please contact us at MOH_SPB@moh.gov.sg for more information.

Continuing Professional Education can continue even when you are overseas...

Did you know....that in line with other professional groups, SPB will no longer allow pro-ration of CPE points for the next Qualifying Period of 1 September 2008 - 31 August 2010? This applies to pharmacists who have not been residing in Singapore for any period of time as you may still obtain CPE points from online learning and events organised by accredited overseas CPE providers.

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Public Health Lectures in July 2008

Topic:	Who let the CHIKs out?
Speaker:	Dr Lyn James (Director, Communicable Diseases Division, Ministry of Health HQ)
Date & Time:	Thursday 3 Jul 2008, 1pm-2pm
Venue:	Lecture Room, College of Medicine Building

Topic:	The Chronic Disease Management Programme - A Practitioner's Perspective
Speaker:	Dr Shanta Emmanuel (Secretary of the Chronic Disease Management Programme (CDMP) Steering Committees in SHS and in SGH)
Date & Time:	Thursday 17 Jul 2008, 1pm-2pm
Venue:	Lecture Room, College of Medicine Building

Topic: Research ethics- a historical perspective
Speaker: Dr Mona Toh (Deputy Director, Bio-medical Research Regulation Branch, Health Regulation Division, Ministry of Health HQ)
Date & Time: Thursday 10 Jul 2008, 1pm-2pm
Venue: Lecture Room, College of Medicine Building

Topic: What is the World Health Organisation?
Speaker: Dr Benjamin Koh (Acting Deputy Director (Hospital Services Division), Ministry of Health HQ)
Date & Time: Thursday 24 Jul 2008, 1pm-2pm
Venue: Lecture Room, College of Medicine Building

Topic: What is Clinical Quality?
Speaker: Dr Voo Yau Onn (Senior Consultant (Clinical Quality Improvement), Ministry of Health HQ)
Date & Time: Thursday 31 Jul 2008, 1pm-2pm
Venue: Lecture Room, College of Medicine Building

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