ANNEX B

NMEA INFORMATION SHEET

About the National Medical Excellence Awards

The National Medical Excellence Awards is a national-level award given out to recognise the efforts of clinicians, clinician scientists and other healthcare professionals for their clinical and research work. It acknowledges their contributions in advancing healthcare, improving the standards of patient safety and quality of care which ultimately improve people's lives.

National Outstanding Clinician Award

The National Outstanding Clinician award recognises individuals with at least 15 years of service in public or private healthcare establishments with exceptional contributions to clinical work that advances the safety and quality of patient care, and in addition has supported and facilitated research. The recipients have successfully introduced novel / effective treatment methods resulting in high standard of quality healthcare delivery and are recognized by their peers as being a master clinician. Recipients will receive a trophy, a citation and a prize of S$10,000.

National Outstanding Clinician Scientist Award

The National Outstanding Clinician Scientist award recognises individuals with at least 15 years of service in public or private healthcare establishments with outstanding contributions to clinical and translational research work relating to their field of specialty. Their contributions through research work have resulted in novel understanding of diseases with potential positive outcome on healthcare delivery. Recipients will receive a trophy, a citation and a prize of S$10,000.

National Outstanding Clinician Mentor Award

The National Outstanding Clinician Mentor award recognises individuals with at least 15 years of service in healthcare industry and health-related work who have contributed substantially to the training of young clinicians and clinician scientists via mentorship or by virtue of academic positions. Recipients will receive a trophy, a citation and a prize of S$10,000.

National Outstanding Clinician Educator Award

The National Outstanding Clinician Educator Award recognises individuals who have contributed substantially to the training of clinicians and/or clinician scientists via mentorship or by virtue of academic positions. This award is opened to all clinicians, clinician-educators, clinician-researchers or academic researchers in public or private healthcare establishments in Singapore. Recipients will receive a trophy, a citation and a prize of S$10,000.
National Outstanding Clinical Quality Activist Award

The National Outstanding Clinical Quality Activist award recognises individuals who have contributed significantly to clinical quality improvement and patient safety and have likewise, inspired others to do so. This is the only award that is open to all medical doctors, nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals in the public and private healthcare sectors non-doctors. Recipients will receive a trophy, a citation and a prize of S$10,000.

National Clinical Excellence Team Award

The National Clinical Excellence Team award recognises teams or organizations that have undertaken a clinical quality / practice improvement project that succeeded in making an outstanding contribution to improving patient safety and care through exemplary innovative transfer of benefits of research, novel methods or care delivery resulting in improved standards of care, health outcomes, higher efficiency and/or more effective patient centered services. The team should demonstrate their achievements through successful population of novel care delivery services beyond the unit / ward / department. Recipients will receive a team trophy, citation and a prize of S$10,000.

[1] MCV measures the average red blood cell volume size and is used to differentiate types of Anaemia.

[2] These clinics, included the Birth Defect Clinic, High Risk Consult Clinic, Outpatient Obstetric Day Care and Combined Diabetic Clinic

[3] Dr Tai is currently a member of the MOHH Clinical Advisory Group for the National Electronic Health Record, and she serves on MOH’s Transplant Ethics Committee. Prof Tai was recently asked to head the Quality and Patient Safety at Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Nanyang Technological University, where she will provide input for the curriculum.

[4] Other measures include: standardising drug dilutions, having safer processes for drug storage and labeling, standardisation of pumps and implementation of “Smart” pumps, institution of counter-checks for dangerous drugs, removal of concentrated electrolytes from ward stock, improving communications between clinicians.

[5] The support system has been rolled out in NHG and NUH. It comprises checks and alerts to warn doctors and pharmacists of potential errors or drug-to-drug interactions thus minimising risk of adverse drug events and increasing safety for patients.

[6] This taskforce identifies best medication practices and introduces national standards and guidelines for medication management.


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