




MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*¹

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MISSION - OF MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

- ✦ That physicians have a unique responsibility for the health of society, derived from their ancient duty to protect life and preserve health.
- ✦ That Medicine cannot be insular, self-seeking, self-protective / defensive but must be an integral part of a caring society.
- ✦ That social and economic factors are important determinants of health, and that current global trends point to impending environmental degradation which will threaten human health and survival.
- ✦ That the advancing frontiers of medicine and the values of our modern technological age present unprecedented ethical and moral dilemmas for physicians.
- ✦ And that modern technological medicine and rising public expectations contribute to escalating health care costs.

THE MMA :

- Ⓢ **DECLARES** its commitment to the highest possible professional and ethical standards of health care,
- Ⓢ **EMBRACES** the principles of social justice and compassion for all and enjoins all physicians to be sensitive and responsive to the health needs of all,
- Ⓢ **RECOGNISES** its educational role in influencing health policies in the community, including the prevention of disease, promotion of healthy lifestyles, protection of the environment and personal responsibility for health,

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- ⊙ **REAFFIRMS** the need for physicians to retain their autonomy and professional integrity with renewed ideals and ethics,
- ⊙ **AND RESOLVES** to make health care more rational, equitable and affordable, in a system compatible with equal access to quality health care, based on need,
- ⊙ **SO THAT IT MAY STAND FIRM AND RESOLUTE** in responding appropriately to the challenges ahead and in fulfilling its responsibilities to the medical profession and society.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To promote and maintain the honour and interest of the profession of medicine in all its branches and in every one of its segments and help to sustain the professional standards of medical ethics.
- ❖ To serve as the vehicle of the integrated voice of the whole profession and all or each of its segments both in relation to its own special problems and in relation to educating and directing public opinion on the problems of public health as affecting the community at large.

- ❖ To participate in the conduct of medical education, as may be appropriate.
- ❖ To promote social, cultural and charitable activities in building a united Malaysian nation.
- ❖ To carry on any business, trade, joint venture, commercial arrangement, transaction or any enterprise whatsoever which may in the option of the Association be advantageous to the Association or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance any of the Association's assets, properties or rights.

MMA COUNCIL 2014/2015 MMA COUNCIL HAS 29 MEMBERS, 9 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 20 BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 14 STATES IN MALAYSIA



SECTIONS, SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES OF MMA

Sections

Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers & Specialist (SCHOMOS)
Private Practitioners (PPS)

Societies

Society of Medical Students (SMMAMS)
Society of Occupational & Environmental Medicine (SOEM)
Society of Public Health
Society of Sports Medicine

25 MMA Committees
reps on 32 GOVT / NGO committees

SECTION CONCERNING HOUSE OFFICERS, MEDICAL OFFICERS & SPECIALISTS (SCHOMOS)

- ❖ Its objective is to identify, address and seek the cooperation of the government to resolve issues relating to the welfare, pay, and allowances and working conditions of all grades of doctors in government service.
- ❖ SCHOMOS over the years has evolved into a powerful Section of the MMA which conducts periodic meetings with the Director General and other top Ministry of Health officers and has achieved many notable successes in its ventures.
- ❖ The issues discussed periodically includes: clinical allowance for medical officers, review of specialist allowance, overtime pay, promotion prospects for medical officers and specialists, housemen issues, etc.

The Private Practitioners Section (PPS)

- Private Practitioners Section of MMA was established to look after the needs of the private practitioners.
- PPS continues to be the negotiating arm of the Association in all matters relating to private practitioners. Currently, the PPS Section is concerned on issues related to:
 - Pharmacy Bill-
 - Fomema
 - Third Party Administrator (TPA) / Managed Care Organisation (MCO)
 - National Health Financing Scheme
 - Icare
 - PERKESO

MEMBERSHIP

- @ Currently there are over **39,590** registered medical practitioners in Malaysia
- @ Almost **9456** are MMA members
 - 45% of MMA members are from the public sector
 - 56% of MMA members are from the private sector
- @ MMA also has **2355** student members
 - Conversion to full membership after graduation is still a challenge!

MMA Online Membership System

- Easy communication with members;
- Convenient for new registration, renewal of membership subscription and updates, etc.

MMA WEBSITE

www.mma.org.my

KOTA BHARU, KELANTAN



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- MASEAN
Medical Associations of South East Asian Nations 16th MASEAN Conference
This conference was held on 9 – 11 May 2014 Regent Hotel, Singapore

Below are the representative that attended this Conference:-

- ❖ Dato' Dr NKS Tharmaseelan
- ❖ Datuk Kuljit Singh
- ❖ Dr Azizan Binti Abdul Aziz
- ❖ Dr Rajan John
- ❖ Dr Koh Kar Chai

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (WMA)

- The World Medical Association (WMA) is an international organization representing physicians. It was founded on 17 September 1947, when physicians from 27 different countries met at the First General Assembly of the WMA in Paris. The organization was created to ensure the independence of physicians, and to work for the highest possible standards of ethical behaviour and care by physicians, at all times. This was particularly important to physicians after the Second World War, and therefore the WMA has always been an independent confederation of free professional associations. Funding has been by the annual contributions of its members, which has now grown to 106 National Medical Associations.

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (WMA)

- The WMA provides a forum for its member associations to communicate freely, to co-operate actively, to achieve consensus on high standards of medical ethics and professional competence, and to promote the professional freedom of physicians worldwide.
- This unique partnership facilitates high-calibre, humane care to patients in a healthy environment, enhancing the quality of life for all people in the world.

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (WMA)

World Medical Association was held on 8 - 11 October 2014 in Durban.

MMA Representative who will be attending the meeting is as follows:-

- ✶ Dr Krishna Kumar,
President

CURRENT NATIONAL PROBLEMS



Datuk Seri Dr. Subramaniam,
Minister of Health Malaysia

- ✶ MMA has been working with the Ministry of Health so that the views, concerns and welfare of all sectors of doctors are represented and taken into consideration in the implementation of new laws, policies and practices.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS' WOES MOUNTING

- Care for 1 Malaysia is the name given to the transformed healthcare system of the future, which is going to be based on a social health insurance scheme (SHI) i.e. a compulsory health insurance scheme which every contributes to with primary care physicians as "gatekeepers".
- The Ministry of Health will play a more regulatory and policy making role while health services will be run by both public and private sector healthcare providers.
- Care for 1. Malaysia health reform plans were the main concern of General Practitioners:
- Every GP was annoyed and felt that they were the target of every new Medical Act and Regulations, being unfairly micromanaged, their livelihood and professional status being put under the microscope.
- GPs feel policies are made with disregard for their welfare.



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