

At the scene: Basic Home Health Care Seminar

The Basic Home Health Care Seminar was the first of the series of Family Practice Skills Courses (FPSC) offered by the College. It was an overwhelming success with a capacity participation of 48 doctors. The seminar was conducted on 25 January 2003 (Saturday) at Ang Mo Kio Community Hospital.

The seminar aimed to equip participants with specific hands-on knowledge and skills required to manage commonly encountered clinical situations in home care for the elderly. A concept of rotating stations, made up of demonstrations/teaching, video presentations and group discussions, was adopted. Participants were divided into 6

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groups of 8 and stops are made at each of the 6 stations for facilitators to instruct on the specific topics.

The College was honoured to have with

us Dr Richard Geeves, Honorary Fellow of the College of Family Physicians Singapore since 1975, to deliver the opening speech for this eventful day. Dr Geeves has 15 years of experience as a Community Physician in Geriatrics and Rehabilitation and in providing Home Health Care back in Australia. In his speech, Dr Geeves spoke on the phenomenon of an increasing number of the aged around the world and Home Health Care as the most cost effective and viable option of caring for them. He talked about his experience in caring for the elderly by illustrating the Home Health Care model in Australia and discussed current issues in Home Health Care and the Family Physicians' role in providing care



FROM LEFT: A/PROF CHEONG PAK YEAN, DR MARY ANN TSAO, DR RICHARD GEEVES, DR WONG HECK SING, DR PATRICIA LIM, DR LIM TOAN YANG AND DR ARTHUR TAN.

for the elderly. More details of Dr Geeves' speech can be found on the page facing this report.

The College would also like to extend our appreciation to Dr Chong Weng Chiew, CEO of Ang Mo Kio Hospital, for the free usage of its premises for the seminar. We would especially like to thank Ms Ivy Lok and Mr Abdul Jalil for all the assistance rendered to us in ensuring the smooth running of the event.