

College's SARS Diary and Quotes

Year 2003	Activities
28 Mar	College's SARS Workgroup Formed
29 Mar	<p>Interim Advisory On SARS For Doctors Practising In A Primary Care/Family Practice Setting In Singapore (1st Advisory) 2nd Advisory issued 3 April 3rd Advisory issued 12 April 4th Advisory issued 5 June (See Fig. 1)</p> <p>SARS Resource set-up within CFPS Website SARS Posters On Self Declaration of Symptoms (in four languages) (See Fig. 2)</p>
1 April	SARS - Self Declaration of Symptoms Form (English Version) Revised 12th May
25 April	SARS - Self Declaration of Symptoms (Chinese Version) (See Fig. 3)
29 April	College Meeting With Senior Minister of State, Dr Balaji and Director of Medical Services, Prof Tan Chornh Chuan "On Curbing The Spread of SARS In The Community"
7 May	Hotline for Frontline launched A GP helpline manned by doctors for doctors
12 May	Letter To Certify No Evidence of SARS
14 May	Press Release: Affordable SARS Insurance Package For Healthcare workers Train The Trainers Session: SARS Preventive Measure Courses
17-25 May	SARS Preventive Measure Courses For Doctors <i>In conjunction with the Singapore Medical Association and the Academy of Medicine Singapore</i>
24 May	Live Webcast – "Learning From The SARS Outbreak: Strengthening The Defence Line" <i>First interactive CME webcast (See Fig. 4) in Singapore watched by more than 1000 doctors</i>
14 Jun	CME Distance Learning Module Launch: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome/ Counselling Skills

"GPs deserve praise and government help too."

"While the Tan Tock Seng Hospital doctors and nurses rightfully deserve the cheesecakes, roses and accolades piled on them, let us not forget the unsung heroes, the humble general practitioner (GP) and his clinic assistants. No less at the front line, they face increasing isolation as they grapple with a falling patient load and increase in overheads (masks, bleaches and antiseptic washes don't come any cheaper to them) amid fears that they themselves may become infected by SARS".

Letter by reader to Straits Times forum page on 17th April 2003(11)

"...many of the frontlines of battle were also out there in the primary care clinics."

"... following a symposium organised by the College of Family Practitioners and the Ministry of Health, the "Interim Advisory on SARS for doctors practising in primary care and family practice settings in Singapore" was issued. The College SARS Workgroup was spearheading this effort to equip our frontline doctors with knowledge, skills and protective gear. "

by Prof Chee Yam Cheng, Chairman Medical Board, TTSH in SMJ Editorial "Heros and Heroines of the War on SARS" Vol 44 Issue 5 2003

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Figure 1. SARS Advisory



Figure 2. SARS poster



Figure 3. Self Declaration of SARS symptoms



Figure 4. SARS webcast in CD-ROM