

Lights! Camera! CME!



Cinemedicine may be the new catch phrase in the coming years. Clinical situations are dramatized and filmed. The material is then used to train doctors to handle clinical situations where communication skills are an important ingredient of a good outcome.

"You can get a patient with a cardiac murmur or a palpable liver to test a trainee on psychomotor skills. It is more challenging to test a candidate's ability to communicate and handle difficult situations," said Dr. Lee Kheng Hock, Project Director of the CFPS E-learning program.

"Simulations are often not realistic so we hit upon the idea of using actors to dramatize a consultation. The participant is then presented with a series of options, each of which will lead to different outcome. It is like a world of parallel reality which unfolds according to the choices we make."

"There are some limitations as we do not have a full fledged game engine and resources are limited.

However I foresee that it is only a matter a time before someone would adapt a computer game platform into a medical training program. If only we had the resources..."

Nevertheless, the prototype multiple outcome multimedia structured clinical examination (MOMSCE) that the elearning team at the College had come up with is quite impressive. They have engaged award winning Film Formations to do the video dramatization. Film Formations is a local video production house that had produced well-known local TV dramas such as *Altered Asians*, *Restless* and *Brothers Four*.

Mr Lee Chang Yong, the Managing Director of Film Formations, was rather amused when he was first approached to work on the project.

"We had done many shows involving doctors and patients but they

were all fictional and often done with a large dose of artistic license. So this time we had to really do it as close to real life as possible. I think this is a very interesting development where art, science and education all come together to produce something useful that will help doctors and patients."

The new section will appear in Module 2 of the e-learning program and is now ready.

So remember to tune in, or rather, click on ...

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Video filming In progress



Launch of E-learning website

The College e-learning website was officially launched at the Convocation 2003 ceremony. Mr Francesco Della Casa, Senior Manager from the Infocomm Development Authority "pushed the button" that officially activated the website.

The College would like to express our appreciation to the Singapore Medical Council and the Infocomm Development Authority for the support and encouragement that moved the e-learning project from the drawing board into cyberspace.

Module 2 of the E-learning program is now ready and it is still FREE!

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Launch of Elearning website by Mr Francesco Della Casa of IDA