

# CENTRES Clinical Ethics Conference

23–24  
Mar '22

New Medical Disclosure & Advice Requirements:  
Implications for Healthcare Professionals

To what extent do I need to discuss and disclose with patients and what should be documented?

What are the responsibilities of allied health professionals regarding medical advice when patients are referred from their primary care physicians?

How can physicians efficiently use their limited time in discussing treatment options and seeking consent for treatment?

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**Session 1: Panel Discussion**  
23 March 2022 (9am to 12pm)

The panel will evaluate several cases, while comparing and clarifying the requirements under the different regimes (Bolam, Hii Chii Kok and the new section 37). This will run concurrently with an open Q&A from the audience.

# Panellists



**Vanessa Yong**  
Director, Legal Clinic LLC

- Specialist in medical and healthcare law, whose work spans the full spectrum of healthcare law—from advising healthcare institutions on their internal processes and protocols to acting for healthcare institutions and doctors in mediation and legal proceedings
- More than 10 years' litigation experience, and was made partner of Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP in 2013

**Assoc Prof Anantham Devanand**  
Head of SingHealth Duke-NUS  
Lung Centre

- Trained in pleural interventions at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre, Harvard University & interventional pulmonology at Heidelberg University
- Vice chair of Singapore National Medical Ethics Committee
- Part-time PhD student at NUS Centre for Biomedical Ethics, writing a thesis titled 'Doctor-Patient Partnerships: the key to a better standard of medical advice?'



**Dr Tan Choon Chieh**  
Senior Consultant, Singapore General  
Hospital & Sengkang General Hospital

- Completed surgical training in 2010, followed by fellowships at National Cancer Centre Singapore and Seoul National University Hospital
- Chairperson of the Sengkang General Hospital Clinical Ethics Committee

## Co-Chairs



**Dr Sumytra Menon**  
Deputy Director, NUS  
Centre for Bio-  
medical Ethics (CBmE);  
Co-Director, CENTRES



**Assoc Prof Roy Joseph**  
Associate Professor,  
CBmE; Co-Director,  
CENTRES

# Session 2: Small Group Specialist Discussions

24 March 2022 (9am to 11:40am)

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The second day will involve small group discussions divided into the following practice specialties:

- Surgery
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Chronic Care / Ageing

Each group will be co-chaired by a leading practitioner and an ethics expert, and analyse and discuss content-rich cases that are specialty-specific, allowing participants a more in-depth look at the new rules and how it addresses their individual practice.

## —Featured Facilitators—



**Dr Chan Mei Yoke**

Senior Consultant, KK Women's and Children's Hospital

- Specialist in palliative medicine since 2010
- Her special interests in paediatric haematology/oncology include the setting up of holistic care for children with cancer and other chronic life-limiting illnesses, which encompasses palliative and hospice care
- Has a keen interest in clinical ethics
- Graduated from NUS Medical School in 1987, and obtained a Masters of Medicine (Pediatrics) from NUS in 1992

**Assoc Prof Anantham Devanand**  
Head of SingHealth Duke-NUS Lung Centre

Panellist in Session 1



**Kuah Boon Theng**

Managing Director  
Legal Clinic LLC

- More than 25 years' experience in litigation, and specialist in medical and healthcare law
- Appointed Senior Counsel in 2018; made partner at Khattar Wong & Partners in 1998; & established Legal Clinic LLC in 2003
- Served on ethics committees, advised healthcare institutions, professional bodies, and represented them in mediation and legal proceedings



### Adj. Assoc Prof Lee See Muah

Senior Consultant, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital  
Adjunct Associate Professor, NUS Centre for Biomedical Ethics

- Qualified in occupational medicine, and has a special interest in diabetes
- Read his LLB (Hons) from the University of London and an LLM (Masters of Law, Medical Law and Ethics) at the University of Edinburgh
- Serves as chair of the Clinical Ethics Committee in Ng Teng Fong General Hospital

### Dr Sumytra Menon

Deputy Director, NUS Centre for Biomedical Ethics

- Seasoned clinical ethicist, working with institutional clinical ethics committees
- Lawyer specialising in healthcare law focusing on decision-making and mental capacity
- Educator and researcher at NUS Centre for Biomedical Ethics



### Prof Ng Wai Hoe

CEO of Changi General Hospital;  
Deputy Group CEO (Strategy & Planning), SingHealth;  
Senior Consultant, National Neuroscience Institute

- A neurosurgeon with a subspecialty practice focused on Neurosurgical Oncology (Brain Tumours), Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery and Epilepsy Surgery
- Previously the Medical Director of the National Neuroscience Institute, Academic Chair of the SingHealth Duke-NUS Neuroscience Academic Clinical Program and the Deputy Chairman of the SingHealth Medical Board

### Prof. Mary Rauff

Associate Professor, NUS School of Medicine;  
Senior Consultant, NUH Department of  
Obstetrics & Gynaecology

- Joined the NUS Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology in 1977, before going into private practice in 1990, then rejoining the University department in July 2001
- Graduate of NUS; obtained her MRCOG in 1976, Master of Medicine (O&G) in 1977 and FRCOG in 1988



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