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6th SMEC Workshop on: PALLIATIVE CARE (1)

21 August 2010 (Saturday), 11.20am-1.00pm
Clinical Research Centre (CRC) Auditorium

“To cure sometimes, to relieve often, to comfort always”

Most of us took up Medicine because we hoped to make a difference to the sick, be it a higher calling or simply the desire to do good. Throughout our medical education, much emphasis is placed on the science and treatment of diseases. We go through medical school thinking that we can treat all diseases. However, it is only when we step into the hospital wards do we realize that this is all but a fallacy. Many patients die despite the best treatment. They may suffer from physical symptoms and emotional distress in their last days. As we strive to find a cure to diseases, we need to remind ourselves that our role extends beyond “treating the illness”. The Hippocratic Oath which we take when we begin our journey as doctors is a reminder that we have a responsibility to care for the sick “as a person” and to relieve their distress and suffering even when we can no longer cure.

This session will give medical students an insight of what palliative care encompasses and why it is relevant to practising physicians present and future.

Facilitator

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**Registration is on a
first-come-first-served basis.**

**Closing date of registration:
13th August 2010**