

## **6th SMEC Workshop on: SOCIAL STIGMATISATION OF AIDS/HIV**

**21 August 2010 (Saturday), 11.20am-1.00pm  
Seminar Rooms 4B&4C and Seminar Rooms 7&8**

The workshop, headed by Adjunct A/Prof Lee Cheng Chuan and Dr Arlene Chua, centers around a few objectives. It will focus more on the psychosocial aspects of HIV/AIDS, instead of the other aspects such as the discussion of AIDS transmission which will require quite a fair bit of knowledge of immunity and may not be as enlightening.

More specifically, these psychosocial aspects include stigmas faced in Singapore by AIDS patients, and will touch on society's ideas and perceptions with regards to HIV/AIDS and AIDS patients. Also, the workshop will touch on barriers to care for these patients in Singapore and how patients circumvent these barriers.

Further, there will be a discussion on how antiviral drugs can provide a very reasonable length of life which is both a boon and a bane at the same time in different aspects. This will continue on with a brief introduction to how the problem of AIDS is developing in Singapore, and the workshop will end off importantly with misconceptions that doctor's themselves face.

### Facilitators

#### **Adjunct A/Prof Lee Cheng Chuan**

Senior Consultant

#### **Dr Arlene Chua**

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

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