

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

SEMINAR ON MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AND PATIENT SAFETY

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2014 (2.30PM TO 6.00PM)
WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2014 (9.00AM TO 5.45PM)

VENUE:

LEE SHERIDAN CONFERENCE ROOM (EU TONG SEN BLDG) & SEMINAR ROOM 4-4 (LEVEL 4, BLK B)
FACULTY OF LAW (BUKIT TIMAH CAMPUS)

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Regulation of health professions has been undergoing changes in many countries with the goal of safeguarding the ethical and legal interests of patients, as well as the good-standing and reputation of the medical profession. Professional and legal regulation of medical malpractice is a critical mechanism that lies along a spectrum of regulatory mechanisms that includes the use of market mechanisms, voluntarism and meta-regulation. This seminar examines the legal and ethical constructions of "medical malpractice", particularly in Italy (and more broadly, the European Union) and in Singapore.

This seminar will focus on the roles of the courts in shaping the normative content of medical malpractice, the standards that apply and their implications on patient safety. In addition, this seminar will consider medical malpractice in the context of medical services provided to two patient populations: legal minors and the elderly.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Cristina Amato is an Associate Professor of Comparative Law at the Brescia Law Faculty in Italy and also runs classes of civil law training to the legal professions, at Brescia School of Legal Professions. She has taught in the areas of medical malpractice and consumer law and has published numerous books, essays, and comments in different areas of law: consumer protection, civil liability, breach of contract and damages.

Paola Mariani is an Associate Professor of International Law and leads EU law and Private International Law courses at Bocconi University in Milano. She is also a Partner in an Associate Law Firm in Milano. Her academic experience focuses on teaching and research in the field of international contracts and EU law. She has published articles, book chapters and books in both Italian and English.

Dr Calvin Ho is an Assistant Professor at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics in the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS, and Co-Director of the WHO Collaborator Centre on Bioethics in Singapore. He is also a Research Associate with The Ethox Centre, University of

Oxford, and serves as an Assistant Director with the Legal Aid Bureau in Singapore.

Dr Kumaralingam Amirthalingam is a Professor at the Faculty of Law, NUS and a member of the University Committee on Educational Policy and the Executive Committee of the NUS Teaching Academy. He recently spent two years on secondment to the AG Chambers as a DPP and Senior Director (Research & Policy). His research is primarily in the areas of criminal law and tort law.

Ms Linda Hoon is Group General Counsel and Board Secretary of the National University Health System, and an adjunct lecturer at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics in the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS.

Dr Lee See Muah is an Occupational Physician and Senior Consultant in the Department of Medicine in Alexandra Hospital and an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health. Dr Lee has published papers and textbook chapters in areas of medical law related to occupational health as well as diabetes mellitus and employment.

Dr Peter Loke is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics in the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS and a partner with a family medicine practice and a partner of a private dispute prevention and resolution service. He is also the Regional Medical Adviser for Syngenta Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, where he deals with health issues relating to agrochemicals in the Asia Pacific region. Dr Loke is a member of the National Transplant Ethics Committee Panel; a member of the National Inquiry Panel of the legal profession; a member of the National University Hospital Bioethics Committee, and a member of the teaching faculty of the Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism of the Singapore Medical Association.



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Practice Area: Others
Training Level: Intermediate

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 14 October 2014: Professional Regulation & Law of Medical Malpractice in Italy and Singapore

- 2.30pm to 3.00pm - Overview of Medical Professional regulation in the European Union by Assoc Professor Paola Mariani
- 3.00pm to 3.30pm - Overview of Medical Professional Regulation in the Western Pacific Region by a Representative from the World Health Organisation, Western Pacific Regional Office
- 3.30pm to 4.00pm - Discussion/Afternoon Tea-break
- 4.00pm to 4.30pm - Overview of Medical Malpractice/Medical Negligence in the European Union by Assoc Professor Paola Mariani
- 4.30pm to 5.00pm - Overview of Medical Malpractice/Medical Negligence in Italy: Health as a Fundamental Right; the Role of Healthcare; Medical Law and Health Law by Assoc Professor Cristina Amato
- 5.00pm to 5.30pm - Overview of Medical Negligence in Singapore by Professor Kumaralingam Amirthalingam
- 5.30pm to 6.00pm - Discussion

Wednesday, 15 October 2014 (Morning Session): Some Deeper Insights into Medical Malpractice

- 9.00am to 9:30am - Professional Liability, Standards of Care, Errors, Healthcare Associated Infections: The case of minors in Italy
- 9.30am to 10.00am - Professional Liability and Standards of Care in Care of Legal Minors in Singapore by Dr Calvin Ho and Colleagues from the Paediatric Ethics & Advocacy Centre, National University Hospital
- 10.00am to 10.15am - Morning Tea-Break
- 10.15am to 10.45am - Risk Management, Insurance, Liability (Europe and Italy) by Assoc Professor Paola Mariani & Assoc Professor Cristina Amato
- 10.45am to 11.15am - Risk Management, Insurance, Liability in Singapore by Ms Linda Hoon
- 11.15am to 11.45am - Cross-Border Professional Liability in Europe by Assoc Professor Paola Mariani
- 11.45am to 12.15pm - Discussion

Wednesday, 15 October 2014 (Afternoon Session): The Goals of Medical Malpractice

- 2.00pm to 2.30pm - Remedies to Medical Malpractice: Rules of Professional Ethics, Medical Ethics Committees, Mediation in Europe by Assoc Professor Paola Mariani
- 2.30pm to 3.00pm - Remedies to Medical Malpractice: Rules of Professional Ethics, Medical Ethics Committees, Mediation in Italy by Assoc Professor Cristina Amato
- 3.00pm to 3.30pm - Remedies to Medical Malpractice: Rules of Professional Ethics and Mediation in Singapore by Dr Peter Loke
- 3.30pm to 3.45pm - Afternoon Tea-Break
- 3.45pm to 4.15pm - Implications of the Medical Practice and Malpractice over Patients: The Case of Elderly and Other Vulnerable Population in Europe by Assoc Professor Paola Mariani
- 4.15pm to 4.45pm - Implications of the Medical Practice and Malpractice over Patients: The Case of Elderly and Other Vulnerable Population in Italy by Assoc Professor Cristina Amato
- 4.45pm to 5.15pm - Implications of the Medical Practice in the Case of Elderly and Other Vulnerable Population in Singapore by Dr Lee See Muah
- 5.15pm to 5.45pm - Discussion

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited. To register, please [click here](#) and you will receive an automated message upon submission. For enquiries, please contact Ms Poova at Tel: 6516 3644 or email us at clemail@nus.edu.sg

Closing date: Tuesday, 7 October 2014

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