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system and the need for more training in areas such as transitional care. They feel that the system urgently needs well-trained generalists who can ensure the continuity of care of patients as they navigate the healthcare system.

The Delphi study revealed the following possible scenarios in the future:

1. Primary care will be radically re-organised.
2. There will be a new definition and role for family medicine
3. Healthcare financing will change to support management of complex chronic disease
4. Primary care will be a key component in the solution of the problem of the aging population.
5. There will be increasing recognition of family medicine and this will attract bright young doctors to take up family medicine.
6. IT and electronic records will be widely adopted in primary care.

7. There will be progress in FM research but challenges will remain

In conclusion, I would like to return to Prof Christensen's boat analogy. The frantic activities of the leaders in the boat that can only see backwards might seem ludicrous and futile at times. However everything becomes clear if you know where our journey started from and where we want to go. The future can be bright even though the way ahead is shrouded in a fog. I would like to end with a quote from Prof Robert Taylor, one of the pioneer family medicine leaders in the early 70s.

"The initial promise of family medicine was that it would rescue a fragmented health care system and put it together again, and return it to the people."

Let us roll up our sleeves, raise the sail and bring our boat to the promised land.

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Transforming patient care through the formation of SingHealth Duke-NUS Family Medicine Academic Clinical Programme

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The SingHealth FM ACP family

the SingHealth Duke-NUS Family Medicine Academic Clinical Programme (FM ACP) was launched on 1 January 2017. An Academic Clinical Programme (ACP) is a SingHealth-wide framework for all clinical specialties to advance in Academic Medicine with resources and funding support from SingHealth and Duke-NUS. Each ACP brings together specialists in a particular discipline from different institutions to maximise the power of shared knowledge and resources.

The launch of FM ACP brings together staff across SingHealth Polyclinics, Singapore General Hospital, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Sengkang General Hospital and Bright Vision Hospital to advance Family Medicine as an academic discipline and to establish itself as a thought leader in primary care.

The key appointment holders in this ACP are:

- Dr Adrian Ee, Academic Chair
- Associate Prof Lee Kheng Hock, Academic Deputy Chair

- Dr Tay Ee Guan, Academic Vice Chair, Clinical Services
- Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan, Academic Vice Chair, Research
- Dr Ruth Lim, Academic Vice Chair, Education
- Dr Chow Mun Hong, Academic Vice Chair, Strategy & Innovation

The FM ACP's main priorities include:

- coordinating care practices
- developing new models of integrated care

- promoting multidisciplinary and inter-professional care and learning
- supporting undergraduate and postgraduate medical education
- improving healthcare delivery and impact

We look forward to further transformation of patient care in Family Medicine through the work of clinician faculty and staff in FM ACP.

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Family Medicine Review Course (FMRC) 2017

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the 2nd Family Medicine Review Course was held on 20th May 2017 at the Academia, Singapore General Hospital. It marked an especially auspicious day for the community of Family Physicians, as it also coincided with the celebration of World Family Doctors' Day.

As the role of the Family Physician continues to evolve in the context of the local healthcare setting, it is imperative that we keep updated, and continually improve and equip ourselves. The Family Medicine Review Course provides such a platform and opportunity to learn and refresh, as well as to establish and strengthen fraternal ties both within the primary care community and our hospitalist specialist colleagues.

The 2017 edition of the Family Medicine Review Course was jointly organized by the College of Family Physicians Singapore (CFPS), Chapter of Family Physicians, Academy of Medicine Singapore (AMS), as well as the Department of Family Medicine and Continuing Care, Singapore General Hospital. We are also thankful for the support that we received from our sponsors.

The inaugural course in 2016 led by Dr. Wang Mingchang was a resounding success, and we had hoped to build upon the winning formula. This year, there were 240 registered participants for the course. Including the speakers and organizing committee, there were over 260 doctors in attendance that afternoon. We were very heartened by the overwhelming response to what looks to be one of the signature events on the local family medicine calendar.

The organizing committee is also very grateful and indebted to our advisors – Dr. Chng Shih Kiat (Chapter of Family Physicians), Dr. Low Sher Guan Luke (College of Family Physicians) and Dr. Ng Lee Beng (Fellowship Program Director) – for their unwavering support and guidance over the 6 months of preparatory work leading to the day of the course.

This year, we were particularly excited over what we thought was a tantalizing scientific program lined up for the afternoon. The plenary sessions included topics concerning the emerging local healthcare challenge of Frailty in the field of Geriatrics, to exploring frontiers in the realm of Treatment

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