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**GLG:**

I am very happy to see NCCS has taken leadership in developing health literacy and clinical skills amongst PCPs. Thanks to Dr Soong Yoke Lim and you, Rose as key players in this.

I can see you folks have thought deep and systematically how your team has planned to teach cancer survivor care to our PCPs. Four skills courses to cover the whole scope of cancer survivorship care. And, just to recap: (1) Breast & gynaec cancer; (2) Lymphoma, leukemia; (3) Gastrointestinal

cancer; and (4) Lung, NPC, Prostate, Germ cell cancers. Wonderful.

**CM:**

Thanks once again for your support of NCCS' PCP Cancer Survivors Outreach Programme.

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## Chapter of Family Medicine Physicians, Academy of Medicine, Singapore — *Why Bother?*

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It was a rainy Saturday afternoon. After I handed over my daughter with HFMD to my wife who had to prematurely leave her lung cancer conference, I managed to cross the Causeway to attend the AGM of the Chapter of FM Physicians, Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS). Upon arrival I was warmly received by Mr Joseph Kerk our Executive Director, A/Prof Lee Kheng Hock our Chapter Chair, and the rest of the FM family (see photo). I was told by the senior household members that we should be thankful to be able to hold FM meetings in the AMS.



It has been four years since the momentous milestone that was the forming of a Chapter of Family Medicine Physicians. It signifies our acceptance as peers by our specialist colleagues. It is the fruit of labours our FM family put in over the past four decades.

Why the need for this Chapter when we already have the CFPS? Why need FAMS when one already holds an FCFP(S)? Joining the Chapter goes beyond getting the five-letter title and becoming \$800 poorer. There is a greater good

and objective to advance FM as a specialty in Singapore, and to promote interdisciplinary medical education in FM.

I went home comforted that I had not wasted my six hours. I have learnt to appreciate the need for spending some time planning and systematically showing forth the good work that FM have done for the health ecosystem in Singapore through the Chapter. We have come so far and we need to keep going further.

For those with FCFP(S) who are eligible, do join the Chapter to make your voice count and be part of the fraternity striving for the good of Family Medicine. The Chapter will be holding the Annual Tea Party for newly graduated CFPS Fellows on 31 August 2019 at Singapore Atrium Orchard Road. All the best in advance to our fellowship candidates and see you there!

I will end by echoing the words of the Chair of the Chapter of FM Physicians: ***“We can do [much] together as like-minded colleagues, passionate about moving Family Medicine forward.”***

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