



OUTSTANDING HEALTHCARE TEACHERS ADVOCATE COMMUNITY CARE AND EDUCATION

Inspiring healthcare educators recognised at NHG Teachers' Day Awards 2019

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The National Healthcare Group (NHG) recognised 190 healthcare educators at its annual Teachers' Day Awards ceremony today. Healthcare professionals from various disciplines - medical, nursing, allied health and pharmacy - were lauded across 12 award categories for nurturing and mentoring colleagues and students. This year's winners have made significant contributions, and inspired and equipped fellow healthcare professionals to serve the community and our population.

(Please see Annex for the complete list of award categories)

NHG EDUCATION LEADERS AWARDS

The NHG Education Leaders Award recognises NHG staff who demonstrate excellence in strategic leadership and education across multidisciplinary professions in healthcare.

Adjunct Associate Professor Clare Yeo Kwang Ngee, Senior Principal Clinical Psychologist at the Institute of Mental Health (IMH), received the ***NHG Education Leaders Award***. An advocate of continuing education for healthcare professionals, Adj A/Prof Yeo also lends her expertise to humanitarian causes in the region. She was appointed as Head, Caring Action in Response to Emergencies (CARE), Ministry of Health, National CARE Management System, in 2003. Since then, CARE has equipped officers from public and private organisations with relevant skills to provide psychological and emotional support to people affected by crises. They include victims, relatives and rescue workers. Adj A/Prof Yeo has wide ground experience counselling survivors and their families, and was instrumental in crafting CARE's curriculum. She has trained teams to help individuals involved in incidents such as the Sabah quake (2015), the Asian Tsunami (2004), Singapore Airlines SQ006 accident in Taiwan (2000), and SilkAir MI185 crash in Indonesia (1997).

Adjunct Associate Professor Yip Chee Chew, Senior Consultant and Head of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH) was honoured with the ***NHG Education Leaders Award***. Adj A/Prof Yip is the principal designer of the Community Home and Eye Screening Service (CHESS) programme, which improves access to eye care in the community. He also developed the Torchlight Eye-Screening Test (TEST), a new technique to detect asymptomatic eye conditions early and optimises treatment outcomes. Since 2018, CHESS has worked with community partners under *Project Silver Screen* (PSS) to screen persons above age 60 for eye, dental and hearing problems. PSS is a nationwide functional screening programme initiated by MOH and Temasek Foundation Cares. To date, CHESS has served 8,654 seniors through PSS. To train community nurses more effectively in eye care, Adj A/Prof Yip also established the online Training Enhancement and Accreditation for Community and Home Eye Screening (TEACHES) module. Adj A/Prof Yip is also Education Director at the Education Development Office, KTPH.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTED AWARD WINNERS

Mr Benjamin Tay Ching Poh, Principal Case Manager at IMH clinched the **NHG Allied Health Senior Educators Award**. Mr Tay specialises in supporting individuals undergoing a Mandatory Treatment Order (MTO) to develop better coping skills to prevent repeat incidents. MTO is a community sentencing option extended to offenders with mental health conditions. Mr Tay supervises a team of eight case managers, and conducts educational talks on Forensic Case Management for international visitors and students from tertiary institutions. He leads quality improvement projects in IMH such as “The Hut”, a day drop-in centre and a place of respite for patients. He is also a Peer Support Specialist (PSS) mentor for individuals with mental conditions who are employed in the workforce.

Ms Patmavathy D/O Chellaiyya, Senior Nurse Clinician, Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH), was presented the **NHG Inter-Professional Teaching Award**. Ms Patmavathy was one of the pioneers of the TTSH Breast Care Clinic. She helped lay the groundwork for patient education for nurses, doctors and medical officers, managing patients’ socio-emotional needs and empowering them to stay well in the community. She supports breast cancer patients and their families through the *Breast Support Group*, and is active in community-based public education programmes.

Representing Senior Management in NHG, **Professor Lim Tock Han, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer (Education and Research), NHG**, thanked the teachers and mentors for their passion and commitment. “We need to continually foster a culture that encourages curiosity, eagerness to learn, an openness to change, and most importantly, a heart for the patient.”

To date, NHG has over 3,074 dedicated healthcare teachers across various disciplines.

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About National Healthcare Group

The National Healthcare Group (NHG) is a leader in public healthcare in Singapore, recognised at home and abroad for the quality of its medical expertise and facilities. Care is provided through an integrated network of six primary care polyclinics, acute care and tertiary hospitals, national specialty centres and business divisions. Together they bring a rich legacy of medical expertise to our philosophy of integrated patient-centred care.

NHG’s vision is ‘Adding Years of Healthy Life’. This vision goes beyond merely healing the sick to the more difficult and infinitely more rewarding task of preventing illness and preserving health and quality of life. With some 18,000 staff, NHG aims to provide care that is patient-centric, accessible, seamless, comprehensive, appropriate and cost-effective.

As the Regional Health System (RHS) for Central Singapore, it is vital for NHG to partner and collaborate with stakeholders, community advisors, and voluntary welfare organisations. Together with our patients, their families and caregivers, we aim to deliver integrated healthcare services and programmes that help in Adding Years of Healthy Life to all concerned.

More information is available at www.nhg.com.sg

ANNEX A

Awards in 12 categories were given out.

NHG TEACHERS' DAY AWARDS 2019 CATEGORIES

S/N	Award Categories
1	NHG Education Leaders Award
2	NHG Teaching Award for Allied Health Senior Educators
3	NHG Teaching Award for Allied Health Educators
4	NHG Inter-professional Teaching Award
5	NHG Teaching Award for Nursing Preceptors
6	NHG Outstanding Nurse Teachers Award
7	NHG Teaching Award for Pharmacy Senior Preceptors
8	NHG Teaching Award for Pharmacy Preceptors
9	NHG Teaching Award for Senior Doctors
10	NHG Teaching Award for Junior Doctors
11	NHG Teaching Award for PGY1s
12	NHG Outstanding Education Partners Award

List of Chinese translations

国立健保集团	National Healthcare Group (NHG)
心理卫生学院	Institute of Mental Health (IMH)
邱德拔医院	Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH)
陈笃生医院	Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH)

List of Chinese names

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