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## Clarification From The Editor

# The Journal and Its Supplements – A Clarification

The Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ) and the Singapore Medical Association (SMA) wishes to clarify its position regarding Journals and its Supplements for the benefit of its readership in the light of receipt of a supplement by subscribers with the October 2002 issue of the Singapore Medical Journal.

The SMJ and SMA are supportive of the supplements being produced with a theme concept based on a conference proceeding in which a very close resemblance of the delivered lectures/papers by individuals are reproduced in the supplement. The supplement should clearly state that this was a proceeding of the conference and should follow the guidelines of the SMJ. The constitution of the editorial board of the supplement must get the approval of the Editor of the Singapore Medical Journal and the supplement itself must follow the standard guidelines regarding advertisement, reproduction, and format of the Singapore Medical Journal.

As the contents of the publication are not peer reviewed in an independent manner, as would articles in the primary journal itself, the contents would not be eligible for support as an indexed publication.

In the case of the October 2002 issue of the Journal the editor of the supplement sought approval from the Editor of the SMJ for publication of the proceedings. However mention of the fact that this was a supplement based on talks given at a symposium proceedings was omitted in the supplement itself. Contrary to practice norms, the editor of the SMJ was not shown the proof of the mock up of the supplement by the publishers prior to publication, We have since ensured that this anomaly be corrected for all future publications.

The editor of the SMJ apologizes for any misunderstanding that the supplement may have created to its readership and wishes to assure its readership that there will be complete autonomy and

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