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PPSMMA Updates

Firstly I would like to call on all doctors to unite, especially the doctors from the private practice.

We do not have the numbers to show the necessary negotiating power. It always looks as if it is only a handful of doctors who are making noise regarding certain issues.

If this disunity continues, we will never get a chance to change the situation in areas where we are bullied or taken for granted. With more than 6,000 General Practitioners (GPs) in the country as of today, only about 500 have paid and signed-up for the GP Conference and Scientific Meeting on 3 October 2015. This is an effort not only by MMA but also other associations, yet the target number has not been reached so far.

MMA office bearers sit and deliberate on issues and try to solve matters for the members, but I feel that the doctors themselves are not playing their role. Please help us to help you. We need numbers and we need official complaint letters. Please write to us officially regarding the issues that you face and we will do our best.

We have lined up many meetings especially with third party administrators (TPAs) or managed care organisations (MCOs) and we hope to sort out the TPA/MCO issues that the GPs are facing.

We have met with the Foreign Workers Medical Examination Monitoring Agency (FOMEMA) and accepted the fact that they cannot increase our fees but it is in the hands of the *Unit Kerjasama Awam Swasta* (UKAS). We will try a very different approach with UKAS after we have discussed with other associations and come to a common stand.

For those who have had their FOMEMA X-ray allocations removed and given to certain labs, please write in to us and we are confident with enough complaint letters, we can help you retrieve your allocations.

As the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) is being corporatised, they initially proposed a RM300.00 fee for our Annual Practising Certificate renewal. However, with MMA protesting, they have proposed a new fee of RM150.00, in which MMA had countered with a request for it to be set at RM100.00 instead. We are currently working on setting up the next meeting with them.

Our President has written a very nice but stern letter to AIA regarding the standardisation of their consultation fees at RM15.00. We are meeting them on 30th September, and before next year's AGM in Miri, we hope to sort out the fee structure of TPA or MCOs.

Please feel free to email me at mrj231267@gmail.com. We welcome all feedback and complaints.

