

OGSS-MJ Public Forum on “Managing Risk in Pregnancy” February 21, 2004 Meritus Mandarin Hotel

This forum, entitled “Managing Risk in Pregnancy”, was organized by the OGSS, supported by Mead Johnson, and nominally sponsored by the Perinatal Society of Singapore. Noted experts from the OGSS were tasked to discuss topics which included pre-pregnancy risk assessment, how to reduce poor birth outcomes, avoiding pre-term deliveries, the law and medical care, and the role of maternal nutrition.

The forum was started off by Dr Lee Keen Whye, OGSS President and consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Gleneagles Hospital, who stressed the need for expectant mothers to be educated on the risks of pregnancy in order to avoid common risks and manage difficult complications, and Dr Ferdinand Sarfati, Mead Johnson’s General Manager for Singapore and Malaysia, who reiterated the company’s strong commitment to maternal and fetal wellbeing through science-based nutrition.



On stage. From left to right: Ms Hui Lai Har, Ms Wong Suet Fong, Mr Eric Yuen, Dr Denas Chandra, Dr Kelvin Tan, Ms Pauline Chan, Dr Lee Keen Whye, Dr KK Chow, Dr Kenneth Kwek and Dr Ferdinand Sarfati

Following these introductory remarks, Dr Denas Chandra of the East Shore Medical Centre discussed the role of pre-pregnancy risk assessment and how important it is to be able to identify potential pregnancy risks even before they occur; Dr Kelvin Tan of the KK Women's and Children's Hospital identified the possible causes of poor birth outcomes and what expectant mothers can do to avoid them; Dr Kenneth Kwek of the KK Women's and Children's Hospital discussed the causes of pre-term deliveries and the measures that may help ensure carrying a child to full term; Dr Chow Kah Kiong of the Gleneagles Hospital discussed the effects of increasing medical litigation on healthcare and how the public can help curb this escalating problem; and finally, Ms Pauline Chan of Food and Nutrition Specialists PL stressed the importance of maternal nutrition and the role of DHA in fetal health. The panel of experts also addressed concerns and answered questions from the audience.



Speakers before starting. From left to right: Dr Denas Chandra, Dr Kenneth Kwek, Dr Kelvin Tan, Dr Lee Keen Whye and Dr Ferdinand Sarfati