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With Guest Speakers:

Professor Kumaralingam Amirthalingam
Professor of Law, National University of Singapore

Dr Peter Chow
*Deputy Academic Director, Singapore Medical Association -
Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism*

Dr Amirala Pasha
*Assistant Professor of Medicine and Practice Chair; Attorney;
American College of Legal Medicine Executive Committee*

Dr Surenthiran Panjanathan
*Senior Principal Assistant Director, Medico Legal Section,
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Program

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2025

- 08:30 *Sign-in and welcome refreshments*
- 09:00 **DR MIKE O'CONNOR** — *ACLM President*
President's Welcome & Opening Address
- 09:05 **GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESS: PROFESSOR KUMARALINGAM AMIRTHALINGAM**
Professor of Law, National University of Singapore
The Medical Duty to Advise – From Autonomy to Agency and Shared Decision-Making
- 09:45 **PROFESSOR ROY BERAN** — *Professor and Neurologist; ACLM Joint Head of Teaching Faculty*
To Litigate or Not To Litigate? That is the Question
- 10:05 **DAVID MATAS** — *International Human Rights Lawyer, Canada*
Transplant Tourism and Organ Transplant Abuse Abroad: Australasian Law
- 10:25 *Morning tea*
- 10:45 **JEREMY BALANG** — *Senior Associate, MahWengKwai & Associates, Malaysia*
Medical Negligence and Medico-Legal Litigation In Malaysia
- 11:05 **DR SHAMINI RAMOO** — *Adult Clinical Lead, GP – Northern Sydney Sexual Assault Service, Prevention and Response to Violence Abuse and Neglect Services*
Outcomes of The Lorikeet Clinic: A pilot integrated medical, forensic and psychosocial clinic for domestic and family violence survivors in the Northern Sydney Local Health District
- 11:25 **YUE-EN CHONG** — *Advocate & Solicitor, Managing Director, Bethel Chambers LLC, Singapore*
A Study of Mental Capacity Laws in Singapore, Australia, and England on Patients' Possessing the Mental Capacity to Autonomously Decide to Withdraw Medical Treatment
- 11:45 **DR JASNA KARACIC-ZANETTI** — *Head of Health Diplomacy Unit (Former UNESCO Chair in Bioethics)*
Patient Rights and Health Diplomacy in Cross-Border Health Crises: Ethical and Legal Challenges
- 12:05 *Lunch*
- 13:05 **GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESS: DR AMIRALA PASHA** — *Assistant Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic; American College of Legal Medicine*
Beyond Dobbs: The Current State of Reproductive Rights in the U.S.
- 13:45 **DR VASH SINGH** — *Psychiatrist, Medical Director and Founder of Esus Centre, Western Australia*
Trauma-Informed Medicolegal Assessment in Historical Sexual Abuse Claims: Ethical and Forensic Perspectives from the Expert Witness Stand
- 14:05 **DR MIKE O'CONNOR AM** — *ACLM President; Chair, Patient Care and Clinical Review, St George Private Hospital* — *Ageing Surgeons: Unmasking Impairment*
- 14:25 **PROFESSOR SHINKO ICHINOHE** — *Professor of the Department of Health Administration and Management, Dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration, Saitama Gakuen University, Japan* — *A Consideration of the Contradiction Between the Ethical Values of a Healer Toward Patients and the Qualities of a Hospital Manager*
- 14:45 *Afternoon tea*

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- 15:05 **DR DAVID BANFIELD** — *Emergency Physician* / **DR MARK WOODROW** — *Emergency Physician; General Manager - Medical Advisory Services and Deputy Chief Medical Officer at Avant*
An Air of Advocacy – Unethical Expert Opinion Evidence
- 15:35 **ATTY. JEAN JOAN POLIDO** — *Physician & Lawyer, Philippines*
Cultural Beliefs and Elderly Care in the Philippines: Challenges in Medical Negligence Prosecution
- 15:55 **DR SAMUEL KIM** — *Respiratory, Sleep & Interventional Physician*
Balancing the Equitable Apportionment of Impairment for Pre-existing Conditions in Civil Liability Claims Based on Causation Versus Aggravation
- 16:15 **MADELEINE BRIDGETT** — *International Human Rights Barrister, Australia*
Navigating the Ethical and Legal Issues of Organ Transplants in Australia
- 16:35 **PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN GERICKE** — *Consultant Neurologist and Epileptologist at Canberra Hospital, Calvary Bruce Private Hospital and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Australian National University*
The Implications of an Extended Time Window for Acute Stroke Clot Retrieval for Medical Negligence Litigation
- 16:55 **ACLM MODERATOR**
Day 1 Closing Comments
- 17:00 *ASM Day 1 Ends*

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

- 19:00 - 22:00 **Live event only** — Formal seated dinner and beverages
Presentation of College Awards with guest speaker (TBC)

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025

- 08:30 *Sign-in and welcome refreshments*
- 09:00 **ACLM MODERATOR**
Opening Comments
- 09:05 **ANDRA MAZRIMAITE** — *Legal Academic, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania; Law firm Ellex Valiūnas ir partneriai, Vilnius, Lithuania*
Mediation as a Legal Tool: A Patient-Centered Approach to Safety and Trust in Healthcare
- 09:25 **GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESS: DR PETER CHOW** — *Singapore Medical Association - Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (SMA CMEP) - Deputy Academic Director; Senior Consultant Geriatrician and Chairman of Clinical Ethics Committee of Changi General Hospital Singapore; Co-lead, Bioethics, SingHealth Dukes-NUS Medical Humanities Institute*
Ethical Dilemma in Clinical Medicine – The Role of Clinical Ethics Committee in Singapore

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- 10:05 **DR JESSICA DEAN** — *Intensive Care Specialist, Non-Executive Director and Lawyer*
Increasing the 'Duty to Warn': A Patient's Right to Information
- 10:25 *Morning tea*
- 10:45 **ADJ. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SHELAT VISHALKUMAR** — *Senior Consultant General Surgeon; Board member of Chapter of Surgeons, College of Surgeons, Singapore; Teaching Faculty for the Singapore Medical Association Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism*
Defensive Medicine: Impacts on clinical decision-making and patient outcomes, and strategies to reconcile legal, ethical, and medical priorities
- 11:05 **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR MAN TENG IONG** — *Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Macau, China* — Rethinking Informed Consent in the Age of AI-Driven Healthcare
- 11:25 **GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESS: DR SURENTHIRAN PANJANATHAN** — *Senior Principal Assistant Director, Medico Legal Section, Medical Practice Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia*
No-Fault Compensation in Birth Injuries – Rethinking Justice in Obstetric Care
- 12:05 **DR SANJAY POORAN** — *Public Health & Infectious Diseases Physician*
Ethics, Medicine, and Law at the Intersection of Infectious Disease Early Warning Systems: Navigating Complexities for Effective Implementation
- 12:25 **ACLM MODERATOR**
ASM Closing Comments
- 12:30 *ASM Ends (with lunch provided)*