



# CEE UPDATES

## April 2023

### BRIEFING ON ACE'S PATIENT INVOLVEMENT PROCESSES

On 20 February 2023, the CEE team held a **briefing and Q&A session** on ACE's new patient involvement processes. Participating patient organisations also had the opportunity to network with each other and ACE staff to establish collaborative partnerships and a shared purpose. Attendees found the session very useful and appreciated the insightful discussion with the panellists. The presentation slides and summary of the panel session are available on the [ACE website](#).

*Knowing that patients and caregivers are both involved when policies of medications and health technologies are recommended to the government [was most useful]*

*It was an assurance to see how the non-health issues are being addressed, especially return to work, and psychosocial support for spouses and children. Panel discussion was a very good way to inform and educate the audience.*



*Definitely a very meaningful morning, looking forward to our continued partnership. We have made good progress to involve patients in HTA, and looking forward to more initiatives.*

*It was a fruitful and exciting discussion, it was great to see many patient organisations come together and most importantly, it shed light and relevance on our work.*

# SHARING ON PATIENT INVOLVEMENT

The CEE team was invited to join three important discussions about patient engagement over the last few months. We look forward to continuing the conversation to raise awareness of the value of patient involvement in healthcare decision-making.

## 1. Duke-NUS Centre of Regulatory Excellence (CoRE) Webinar: Opportunities for capacity building and training for patient groups in patient engagement, 15 February 2023



Source: <https://www.duke-nus.edu.sg/core/home/detail/index/2023-core-webinar-series-opportunities-for-capacity-building-and-training-for-patient-groups-in-patient-engagement-and-involvement>

## 2. Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, Health Intervention and Policy Evaluation Research (HIPER) Symposium, 24 February 2023



## 3. SingHealth Duke-NUS Quality & Innovation Day, 10 March 2023



## 3 NEW PLAIN ENGLISH SUMMARIES PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 2023

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Plain English summaries (PES) provide brief information about the treatments and conditions that have been evaluated by ACE and describe the key funding recommendations by the MOH Drug Advisory Committee.

### Newly published PES:

- Daratumumab for treating light chain amyloidosis
- Palivizumab for preventing serious lower respiratory tract disease caused by respiratory syncytial virus
- Treatments for advanced neuroendocrine tumours



## 1 PATIENT FACTSHEET PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2023

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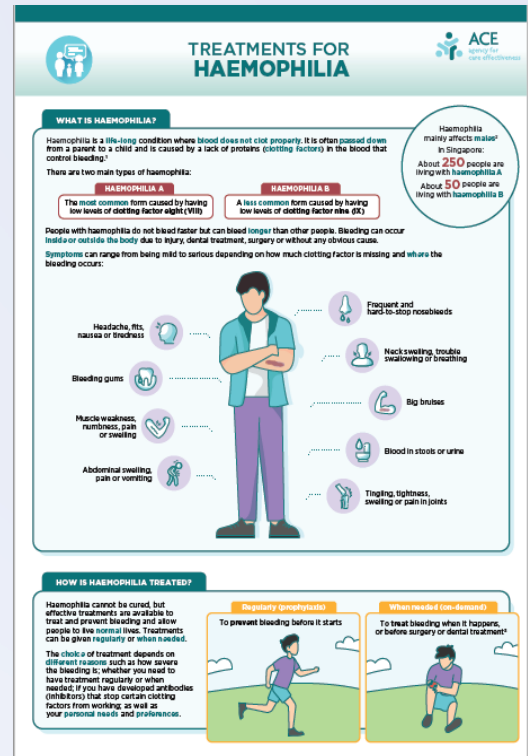
Patient factsheets are co-developed with patient organisations and clinicians to equip patients with helpful and evidence-based information on different medical conditions and policies, and encourage shared decision-making with their doctors about their healthcare needs. Patients are invited to comment on the factsheets during development to ensure they are relevant and useful.

Links to relevant patient organisations have been included in the factsheets for interested readers to seek more information on peer support.

### New factsheet:

- Treatments for haemophilia

We would like to thank the patient organisations for the tremendous support in providing feedback to help us improve the factsheet.





# PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

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PATIENT RESPONSES ABOUT  
ACE'S DRUG EVALUATIONS  
WERE GATHERED FROM

10

PATIENT ORGANISATIONS FOR

6

TOPICS PRESENTED TO THE MOH DRUG  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2023



Patients and carers were invited to provide their lived experiences about medical conditions, treatments and unmet needs to inform ACE's technical evaluations. A big thank you to the patient organisations that helped to gather input from their members! The insights received were very helpful to inform the MOH Drug Advisory Committee's (DAC) funding recommendations.

The CEE team notifies patient organisations of the outcome after the DAC has made their funding recommendation and provides feedback on which information provided by patients was most helpful. The CEE team also invites suggestions on how the patient involvement processes can improve.



## ACE'S PROCESS AND METHODS GUIDE FOR PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE!

The patient involvement guide and supporting factsheets were co-developed with local patient organisations to describe how patients and their carers can contribute to ACE's work and how funding decisions for health technologies are made in Singapore. The guide will be regularly updated to improve processes according to patient feedback.

Scan the QR code to access these resources.

### About CEE

The Consumer Engagement and Education (CEE) team supports patient involvement in ACE's work and co-develops plain English summaries and educational resources with patient organisations to improve health literacy and encourage shared healthcare decision-making between patients and their doctors.

Tell us what matters to you, your organisation or your community. Email us at [ACE\\_CEE@moh.gov.sg](mailto:ACE_CEE@moh.gov.sg).



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