

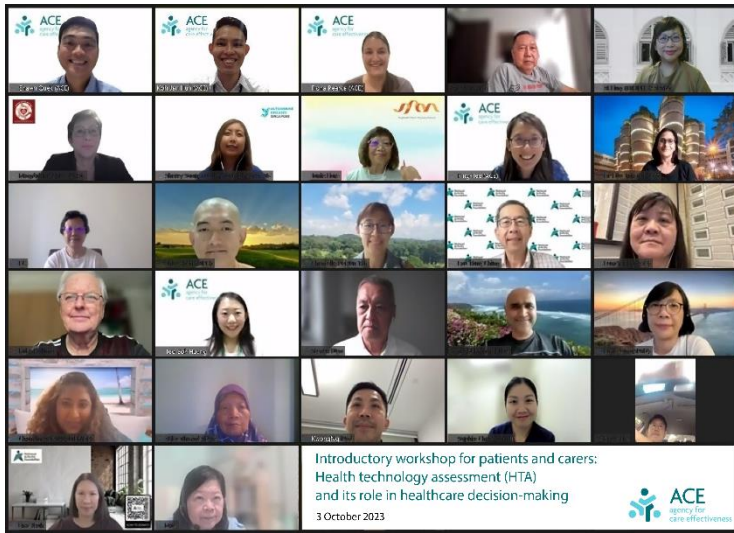


# CEE UPDATES

## December 2023

### HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (HTA) TRAINING FOR PATIENTS AND CARERS

The Consumer Engagement and Education (CEE) team recently conducted introductory and advanced **health technology assessment (HTA) training workshops** specially tailored for patients and carers. We would like to thank the attendees from various patient organisations for their enthusiastic participation and valuable feedback to help improve our future workshops. We look forward to continuing to work with patient organisations to help address informational needs and enable their members to contribute meaningfully to healthcare decision-making.



#### Introductory HTA workshop 3 October 2023

*I liked that HTA is no longer a black box to me.*

*I appreciate the effort of the team to break down the HTA process and make a conscious effort to use some layman terms to explain.*

#### Advanced HTA workshop 14 November 2023

*I think the interactive session helps concretise the knowledge of HTA much better and how patients can provide feedback for better outcomes.*

*The knowledge learnt has been beneficial for me to share with our members, especially the manner in which they can provide inputs to a technical evaluation to make it more worthy for assessment.*



**Interested to join our HTA training workshops next year?  
Write to us at [ACE\\_CEE@moh.gov.sg](mailto:ACE_CEE@moh.gov.sg) to find out more**

# APPRECIATING OUR PARTNERS

## ACE Consumer Panel meeting and appreciation dinner, 18 October 2023

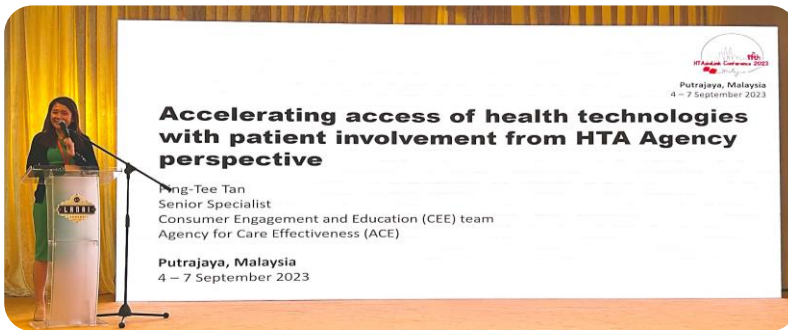
After a meeting with the ACE Consumer Panel to discuss strategic priorities for 2024, the CEE team hosted an appreciation dinner to thank the Panel for their contributions to ACE's work over the past year. The Panel have played a key role in providing the collective voice of healthcare consumers and encouraging meaningful patient involvement in ACE's work. Find out more about the ACE Consumer Panel [here](#).



# SHARING OUR PATIENT INVOLVEMENT EXPERIENCES

## 1 11<sup>th</sup> HTAsiaLink Conference, 4 to 7 September 2023, Putrajaya, Malaysia

The CEE team was invited to share at the plenary session of this regional conference on ACE's patient involvement processes, showcasing the strategies that have helped advance patient involvement in Singapore. At the pre-conference workshop attended by patient organisation representatives from Malaysia, the team also highlighted the effective practices and challenges faced in implementing these processes.



## 2 Asia Pacific Oncology Alliance (APOA) report *Pathways for transforming the cancer ecosystem: A patient-centred framework* (Launched on 30 November 2023)

ACE's patient engagement initiatives were featured in this comprehensive report as one of the 36 case studies informed by more than 100 participants on initiatives for stakeholders to drive positive changes collaboratively and improve cancer survivorship in the Asia Pacific region. Ms Fiona Pearce, CEE's Senior Advisor, was involved in writing this report and also serves on the APOA Advisory Board. Click [here](#) to find out more.

# ANNUAL CALL FOR TOPICS IS CLOSING SOON

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The **annual call for topics** is now open for patients, carers and patient organisations to suggest which drugs or medical devices ACE should evaluate for different health conditions.

Click on the image on the left to read our factsheet which describes the key steps of the application process.

Topic suggestions should be submitted by **31 January 2024**. Contact the CEE team or your patient organisation for an application form.

## NEW FACTSHEET ON TYPES OF FUNDING FOR DRUGS AND VACCINES IN SINGAPORE



***Am I eligible to receive subsidy for my treatments?  
How much subsidy can I get?***

The CEE team co-developed a new factsheet with the ACE Consumer Panel for patients and their carers on the types of funding available for drugs and vaccines that are given in an outpatient setting in public healthcare institutions in Singapore.

Click on the image on the left to download the factsheet.

## 6 NEW PLAIN ENGLISH SUMMARIES PUBLISHED SINCE SEPTEMBER 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 made by the MOH Drug Advisory Committee.

### Newly published PES:

- Dexamethasone implant for treating diabetic macular oedema, retinal vein occlusion and non-infectious uveitis
- Injectable drugs for treating high cholesterol
- Olaparib for treating BRCA-mutated HER2-negative early breast cancer
- Long-acting erythropoiesis stimulating agents for treating anaemia in chronic kidney disease (updated)
- Trastuzumab deruxtecan for previously treated HER2-positive advanced gastric cancer (updated)
- Trastuzumab deruxtecan for previously treated HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer (updated)



## 6 PATIENT FACTSHEETS PUBLISHED SINCE AUGUST 2023

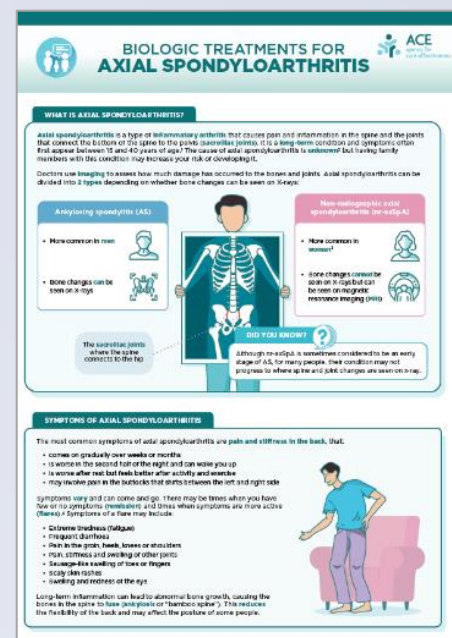
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Patient factsheets are co-developed with patient organisations and clinicians to equip patients with helpful and evidence-based information about different medical conditions, and encourage shared decision-making with their doctors about their healthcare needs.

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

### New factsheets:

- Biologic treatments for axial spondyloarthritis
- Inhalers for treating asthma
- Oral treatments for type 2 diabetes
- Regimens for previously treated multiple myeloma (updated)
- Treatments for advanced renal cell carcinoma (updated)
- Treatments for chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (updated)



We would like to thank members from the patient organisations for providing feedback and suggestions to help inform the content and layout of these new factsheets.

# PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

**165** PATIENT RESPONSES ABOUT ACE'S DRUG AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY EVALUATIONS WERE GATHERED FROM

**18** PATIENT ORGANISATIONS FOR

**7** TOPICS PRESENTED TO THE MOH ADVISORY COMMITTEES FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023



Patients and carers were invited to provide their lived experiences about medical conditions, treatments and unmet needs to inform ACE's technical evaluations. The insights received were very helpful to inform the funding recommendations by the MOH Drug Advisory Committee (DAC) and the Medical Technology Advisory Committee (MTAC). The CEE team notifies patient organisations of the advisory committees' funding recommendations after each meeting and provides feedback on which information provided by patients was most helpful to inform the committees' deliberations. The CEE team also invites suggestions on how the patient involvement processes can improve.

## ACE Value-Based Healthcare Conference 22 to 23 August 2024



This year, there will be a half-day **workshop for patients and carers**. Stay tuned for more details on the [ACE website](#)!



*The CEE team would like to thank the ACE Consumer Panel and all local patient organisations for their support in 2023. We wish everyone a delightful holiday season, and a happy and healthy new year!*



### 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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