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To: All registered medical laboratory technologists

Dear Registrants,

Publication of the Medical Laboratory Technologists Board's Decisions at Disciplinary Inquiries

This letter informs you of the new arrangement on publication of the Medical Laboratory Technologists ("MLT") Board's decisions made at disciplinary inquiries on the MLT Board's website.

The Supplementary Medical Professions Council ("the Council") agreed, at its 11 December 2013 meeting, to adopt the following arrangement on the publication of the MLT Board's decisions –

- (a) For inquiries conducted after 11 December 2013 where the registered MLTs are found guilty of professional misconduct, the full judgment will be published on the MLT Board's website;
- (b) Identity of the respondent(s) will be published in the full judgment for guilty cases where the orders are to be published in the Gazette. For guilty cases where the orders are not to be published in the Gazette, the name(s) of the respondent(s) will be edited out;
- (c) Identity of other parties such as patients, complainants, expert witnesses will be edited out;
- (d) The judgment will be published after the expiry of the one-month appeal period or the final conclusion of any appeal; and
- (e) The judgment will be published on the MLT Board's website for a fixed period of 5 years.

The information is intended to enhance transparency of the disciplinary proceedings and to educate members of the profession as to what constitutes professional misconduct. It also provides a ready source of reference for the public in making an informed choice of MLTs.

Opportunity is also taken to remind you that all MLTs should conduct their professional duties in accordance with the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359, Laws of Hong Kong), the Medical Laboratory Technologists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations, and the Code of Practice for registered MLTs; a breach of which may lead to criminal convictions and/or disciplinary actions by the MLT Board.

Please visit the MLT Board's website regularly for updated information. For enquiries, please contact the Secretariat by phone: (852) 2527 8369 or by e-mail: smpb@dh.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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