

urrently the organisation has the dedicated President Dr. Jim Loi at its helm, aided by his Vice President Dr. Peter Chan, both general practitioners from the Klang Valley, and the M-team consisting of doctors from all over the country.

Many doctors would be wondering what is MPCAM/MPCN. Is it just another medical organisation? What is the purpose of creating another of such organisation? Does it make doctors ever more scattered? Does it challenge the role of existing medical associations?

ITS HISTORY

MPCAM/MPCN saw its inception in 2011. It is now probably the largest and fastest growing Facebook site with membership of nearly 5,000. At its inception, it has a vision of being the grouping of medical doctors of any category and of any background coming together to promote interactions at any levels, so as to promote mutual understandings between the doctors, finding of solutions to issues, and collaborations amongst stakeholders for the betterment of the national healthcare of the citizens of this country. The power of the Internet has enabled this vision to be fulfilled.

It is in this aspect that MPCAM/MPCN differs from other existing medical associations; it is one organisation that is inclusive and does not exclude any legally registered doctors from joining it. Thus, it includes memberships from private general practitioners and specialist consultants, public service doctors, doctors serving in third-party

administrators, doctors in the institutes of higher learning, medical researchers, doctors serving in the medical councils, UKAPS, CKAPS, and Ministry of Health and more.

HOW DID IT ALL START?

MPCAM started as a humble group doctors gathered together by Alex Wong as a networking group, at a time when there were hardly any similar group in existence. As soon as it was started, it has very quickly become an online platform where doctors from all over the country suddenly found each other.

It is here in the forums of MPCN and MPCAM that doctors first raise issues, genuine grouses and complaints that affect them. These issues are debated by all in the forum.

It even becomes a place for mutual emotional and social supports for each other, where solutions for grievous problems are offered and pursued by other doctors individually and collectively.

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Later very soon, many began to realise that doctors are in the same boat on many issues related to their personal lives, clinical practices, problems with the laws, problems with many stakeholders.

Soon after, a large number of passionate members began to brood the idea of having a medical community that shares similar issues to collectively initiate movements to quickly inform each other and to help each other to solve these problems that have been outstanding for too long a time.