

# DIABETES MANAGEMENT, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION



The Ministry of Health recently announced the introduction of the Primary Care Scheme to provide affordable outpatient care to the low income group. The scheme also allows needy elderly and disabled Singaporeans easy access to subsidised primary health care at clinics near their homes.

Diabetic Society of Singapore (DSS) is keen to be a part of the team which takes care of the people with diabetes. We have the resources and skills to quickly implement the scheme as we already operate three centres and one mobile clinic, all fully equipped with the necessary hardware for eye tests, foot checks, etc, and staffed by experienced and qualified diabetes nurse educators. Our mobile clinic alone offers an excellent solution to assist the General Practitioners (GP) who do not have the space for such equipment and the resources to employ full-time nursing staff to conduct patient education and counselling.



We are sure this will benefit all parties because at the heart of this possible partnership is good quality patient care that can be delivered at the patient's convenience. Check out our website to find out when the mobile clinic will be visiting your community club and/or ring 9711 0132 to make an appointment .

DSS is ever ready to play a role in chronic care, especially for persons with diabetes. I hope that the Ministry of Health, GPs and DSS could support one another in this endeavour. To DSS, this is a wonderful opportunity to exercise our social commitment to diabetes management, education and prevention.

I thank all our members and readers for their support and wish them all a happy and prosperous new year.

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