



## **Connecting Commonwealth Doctors**

### **Invitation by President, Commonwealth Medical Association**

Commonwealth doctors share a common language and medical education but many are widely separated from each other geographically and they work in different environments and are exposed to different diseases. One of the main aims of the Commonwealth is 'Connecting People' and in the past the Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA) has brought doctors together on National levels but it will now strive to connect individual doctors by facilitating exchanges between doctors of different countries who visit hospitals in Commonwealth countries.

You can read the report of a young Maltese doctor Stephen Micallef-Eynaoud who visited a Paediatric hospital in Sri Lanka when he was a senior medical student.

The CMA cannot provide funding to subsidise these exchanges but it will post offers from hospitals in various countries on its website and it will match applications from doctors in different Commonwealth countries.

Hospitals offering to host Commonwealth doctors at their institution and doctors wishing to visit hospitals in Commonwealth countries are encouraged to contact the secretariat of the CMA and we will match these offers and introduce doctors to hospitals and they will then negotiate the terms of the exchange between them. The CMA's role will be limited to making these matches and it cannot be held liable for any problems arising out of individual agreements.

I believe that Connecting Commonwealth Doctors is a big step forward for the CMA and I am convinced that those who take part will not only enhance their medical knowledge but it will also benefit from co-operation and friendships between Commonwealth doctors which will ultimately benefit our patients.

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