

Careers@Singapore Healthcare



Singapore's vision for this industry

Singapore is a leading destination, not only for business and leisure, but also for world-class, affordable and safe healthcare. In the last ranking of the world's health systems by the World Health Organisation in 2000, Singapore's healthcare system was ranked the best in Asia and the sixth best in the world. Leading the region in healthcare with over 3,000 healthcare establishments, Singapore provides a complete spectrum of healthcare services ranging from primary care to a broad range of secondary and tertiary care functions.

With a national healthcare expenditure of only 4% of GDP while achieving high standards of healthcare such as low infant mortality rate of only 3.0 (per 1,000 live births), the standard of medical practice in Singapore ranks among the highest in the world. In fact, Singapore's healthcare facilities make up one-third of all Joint-Commission International (JCI) accredited facilities in Asia, including Turkey.

Singapore's status as a nucleus of healthcare service excellence in the region is also boosted by the influx of specialist doctors that have enhanced our medical offerings and operational effectiveness, and of international patients seeking our medical expertise.

In 2003, Singapore launched a multi-governmental initiative, Singapore Medicine (www.singaporemedicine.com), to develop Singapore as the medical services destination of choice for international patients. The initiative builds upon

Singapore's well-established healthcare system and excellent reputation for healthcare services, and also complements the nation's growing biomedical science industry in basic, translational and clinical research.

Poised for expansion, the Ministry of Health announced in January 2009 that the public healthcare system is looking to fill 4,500 positions over the next two years, with another 1,700 to follow after that, expanding the existing pool of practitioners by 40%.



Who are the leading players here?

Public Sector

To enhance the overall public healthcare system's performance, the Ministry of Health Holdings (MOHH) was formed to undertake the strategic initiatives for the Ministry of Health and public healthcare comprising a portfolio of companies. These include Singapore Health Services (Singhealth), National Healthcare Group (NHG), National University Health System (NUHS), Alexandra Health, and Jurong Health Services.

However, unique compared to the rest of the developed world, Singapore's public sector hospitals are legally private limited companies and licensed as private facilities under the

Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act. Although wholly owned by the government, Singapore's public sector healthcare system has achieved the efficiencies of the private sector within its public setting.

National Healthcare Group (NHG)

Member Institutions: Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Institute of Mental Health, NHG Polyclinics, Johns Hopkins Singapore, National Skin Centre, NHG College, NHG Diagnostics, NHG Pharmacy and Singapore Footcare Centre.

Singhealth Member Institutions: Changi General Hospital, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore General Hospital, National Cancer Centre

Singapore, National Dental Centre Singapore, National Heart Centre Singapore, National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore National Eye Centre and Singhealth Polyclinics.

Alexandra Health: Khoo Teck Puat Hospital.

National University Health System (NUHS): National University Hospital.

Jurong Health Services: Jurong General Hospital.

Private Sector

Primary healthcare, including preventive healthcare and health education, are largely provided for by some 2,200 private medical clinics. These private practitioners provide about 80% of primary healthcare services, while government polyclinics provide the remaining 20%. However, public sector hospitals provide 80% of the more costly hospital tertiary care with the remaining 20% by private hospital care.

Some of the large private healthcare providers include Parkway Health, Raffles Medical Group, Johns Hopkins Singapore IMC, Pacific Healthcare, Thomson Medical Centre, Asia Medic, West-Excellence Cancer Centre and Singapore HealthPartners.

Health-related services with regional headquarters include Joint Commission International, IMS Health Asia and International SOS.

Where do you fit into the picture?

Singapore's distinction in healthcare services stems from our unwavering commitment to the advancement of the medical field and our world-class facilities solely dedicated to the industry's increasing needs. Singapore's healthcare service providers are looking for top talent to fuel this industry further. Some of these occupations include:

- Dietician
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Radiographer
- Radiation Therapist
- Respiratory Therapist
- Speech Therapist

Medical:

- Doctor (Specialties in demand include Pathology, Renal Medicine, Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Cardiology, and Geriatric Medicine)

Allied Health:

- Advanced Practice Nurse, Nurse Clinical, Nurse Manager, Nurse Educator
- Auditory Verbal Therapist
- Clinical Audiologist
- Clinical Laboratory Technician/ Medical Technologist

There is no better time to be in Singapore than now - the city-state is growing economically, with a constant bustle of activity. Situated at the heart of the world's fastest growing economies, the city is a bridge between the East and West, burgeoning with diversity and opportunities. Couple these factors with the city's superb physical infrastructure, sophisticated IT network, great variety of living, dining and entertainment options, and you have one of the most liveable cities around.





About Contact Singapore

Contact Singapore is an alliance of the Singapore Economic Development Board and Ministry of Manpower. It aims to engage overseas Singaporeans and global talent to work, invest and live in Singapore.

With offices in Asia Pacific, Europe and North America, Contact Singapore is the one-stop centre for those who wish to pursue a rewarding career in Singapore, as well as individuals and entrepreneurs who are keen to invest in or initiate new business activities here. Contact Singapore actively links Singapore-based employers with talent and provides updates on career opportunities and industry developments in Singapore. We work with public and private sector partners to facilitate the interests of potential individual investors in Singapore.

For more information on working, investing and living in Singapore, please visit www.contactsingapore.sg

To find out more about the career opportunities in Singapore, visit www.contactsingapore.sg/jobs

For enquiries, email us at singapore@contactsingapore.sg

© September 2011 Contact Singapore. All rights reserved. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of all information in this factsheet at time of production.