

Polyclinics' nurse clinicians take over some doctors' duties



NURSE clinicians at SingHealth Polyclinics are taking over some duties from doctors, such as treating chronically ill patients. This is to free up doctors to deal with more serious cases in some polyclinics.

The programme was rolled out in phases to SingHealth's nine polyclinics more than a year ago.

Its aims is to help patients better manage their conditions and to offer more challenging careers for nurses.

The nurse clinicians are senior nurses, who are trained further with six sessions on chronic diseases and sitting in with doctors to get hands-on practice in attending to patients.