

NATIONAL SKIN CENTRE HEALTH FUND

Annual Report for FY2021

PURPOSE

The National Skin Centre Health Fund (NSCHF) was registered as a Charity under the Singapore Charities Act, Chapter 37 on 20 August 2020. The NSCHF was established to receive donations towards the pursuit of medical research and development, improvement to health services in Singapore, and to provide funded care to patients determined to be in need of financial assistance. NSCHF took over the funds and activities from National Skin Center Health Endowment Fund in May 2021. The Fund is an approved Institution of a Public Character (IPC) and is valid until 29 September 2024

Charity Trustees : National Skin Centre (Singapore) Pte Ltd

Registered Address : 1 Mandalay Road Singapore 308205

Unique Entity Number (UEN): 202010012C

Bankers : DBS Bank Ltd

Auditor : Ernst and Young LLP

Board Members : Ms Tan Beng Neo Eunice, Chairman
as at 31 March 2022 Adj. A/Prof Lim Yean Teng, Member
A/Prof Lee Lai Heng, Member
Mr Seow Choke Meng, Member
Ms Lim Siew Wah Grace, Member

POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT AND AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Fund does not have paid staff and the Board members do not receive remuneration from the Fund for their services rendered. All activities of the Fund are managed by staff of National Skin Centre (NSC). The Fund Board members comply with the policy on conflict of interest.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Fund reported a net surplus of \$62,050 for FY2021. Total income and expenses amounted to \$110,512 and \$48,462 respectively. The accumulated fund as at 31 March 2022 amounted to \$3,728,331.

Total income of \$110,512 comprised donations received from individual donors amounting to \$10,511 due to staff contributions after the awareness to staff, rental income amounting to \$30,001 and gain in fair value of investment property amounting to \$70,000. Total expense was \$48,462, which included charitable expenses of \$34,522, governance costs of \$3,496 and other operating expenses amounting to \$10,444.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to suspend many of the activities. May 2021 marked the heightened alert phase. Subsequently the remaining months of 2021 saw the rise of the Omicron variant which further hinders plans to expand on activities due to manpower constraints.

CHARITABLE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

The Fund supported the following charitable activities during this year:

1. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES

1.1 Health Fund-SEC for Eczema patients

The Fund provided financial assistance to the needy patients diagnosed with eczema who are prescribed with retail items for their treatment that are not supported by Medifund. \$584.35 was disbursed in FY2021, leaving a balance of \$4,185.70 as at 31 March 2022.

1.2 Patient Welfare Fund (Transportation)

The fund of \$3,000 disbursed as a float to NSC to provide financial assistance to the needy patients for transport fares for NSC. There were no additional disbursements during the year.

1.3 Medication Assistance Scheme

In July 2021, the Board approved to maintain the original list of medications in the scheme while removing their off-label criteria, and included 2 additional non-standard drugs - tacrolimus ointment 0.03%, 0.1%. The total budget remains the same at \$120,000 for 3 years. There were no disbursements in FY 2021, thus, the carried over balance of \$110,803.58 from FY2020 remained status quo as at 31 March 2022.

1.4 Itch Programme (Suu Balm)

For the enhanced Suu Balm Itch Programme approved in July 2021, the original budget was increased to \$10,728 per year for 3 years for Subsidized patients at NSC Itch Clinic. In FY2021, \$832.16 was disbursed, leaving a balance of \$31,351.84 as at March 2022.

1.5 Tattoo Removal for Youths-at-Risk

This fund was set aside to support needy school going children who are asked by their school to have their tattoo removed or faced expulsion from the school. \$16,289.85 was disbursed as at 31 March 2022, leaving a balance of \$13,710.15.

During the year under review, 18 more patients were recruited including those from juvenile homes and community partners. A total of 28 patients to date has been recruited under the Programme since funding was approved in July 2018, and 32 treatments have been completed.

1.6 Skin Aid for the Vulnerable and Elderly Programme (SALVE)

An amount of \$90,000 was approved to support SALVE program for a period of 3 years from March 2020 to Feb 2023. Patients with chronic relapsing skin diseases can be supported clinically and socially with regular application of topical medications, to reduce the incidence of preventable re-admissions into acute care hospitals.

\$4,168.16 was disbursed as at 31 March 2022, leaving a balance of \$85,831.84. The monies were claimed for medication and transportation. There are 4 active patients in the Programme who have been going to National Skin Centre for treatment. 1 patient was discharged from the Programme as his condition has markedly improved. Further publicity and expansion of Programme SALVE was deferred in order to conserve resources during the ongoing pandemic.

2. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

2.1 Charity Clinic @ Singapore Christian Home

\$1,477.14 was disbursed as at 31 August 2018, leaving a balance of \$28,522.86.

In 2021, there was no disbursement as the service was suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic.

2.2 Suu Balm ITCH Programme to NKF as a pilot community outreach programme

In July 2021, a cost of \$ 11,478.96 was approved as donation to NKF at quarterly tranches, for use on their renal patients with uremic pruritis. The distribution of the Itch relief cream will be based on NKF financial assistance eligibility criteria. As at 31 March 2022, \$8,012.16 was disbursed to NKF, leaving a balance of \$3,466.80.

3. RESEARCH GRANTS

There were three NSC's Research studies which were awarded funding support for two years and extended till April 2022. The amount awarded on 10 April 2019 was \$44,618.

3.1 Genome-wide association study (GWAS) of atopic dermatitis

Total disbursed as at 31 March 2022 is \$3,212, leaving a balance of \$11,644. Participants have been recruited and currently all samples are stored for further processing. The due date was extended to December 2022.

3.2 Multiplex imaging of Atopic Dermatitis Skin

The experiments have been completed as at August 2021. Materials borrowed from A*STAR in the interim to avoid delay in completion will need to be reimbursed. All funds totaled \$14,780 were utilized as at November 2021. So far there is no further claim as at 31 March 2022.

3.3 Evaluation of various methods of transdermal therapeutic antisense oligonucleotide (AON delivery)

In 2021, an amount of \$1,869 was disbursed to NSC for the laboratory reagents purchased by NSC's research team to begin the studies, leaving a balance of \$13,113 out of the \$14,982 granted. There was no further update as at 31 March 2022.

4. FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

4.1 Suu Balm ITCH Programme to NKF community outreach programme

After the successful pilot, the NSCHF will consider rolling out to more dialysis centres identified by NKF. The duration for this community outreach programme is for 1 year.

4.2 FY2021 Publicity Plans

Publicity plans have been postponed for FY2021. There will be a new publicity plan for FY2022.

4.3 Badminton Camp for Kids with Eczema

With the opening up of Singapore, NSCHF will be organising a badminton camp during the school holidays in September.

NSC HF Committee Meetings and Attendance

A total of four committee meetings were held during the financial year 2021. The following sets out the individual member's attendance at the meetings.

<u>Name</u>	<u>% of attendance</u>
Ms Tan Beng Neo Eunice, Chairman	100%
Adj. A/Prof Lim Yean Teng, Member	75%
A/Prof Lee Lai Heng, Member	100%
Mr Seow Choke Meng, Member	100%
Ms Grace Lim Siew Wah, Member	100%