

The Doctor




by Monica Pitrelli

A primary concern for any family relocating to a new city is where to find medical treatment for anything from a minor illness to a major injury. Whether you've got an aching tooth, are planning to give birth, have contracted dengue fever or have been in a motor accident, you need to know you have access to a level of medical care that equals or surpasses that of your home country. The good news is that Singapore has some of the world's best physicians and medical facilities, with an abundance of choices. Here are some recommendations from **Expat Living** readers.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Complete Healthcare International (CHI)

45 Rochester Park
www.chi-health.com.sg
 6776 2288

It seems that hardly a month goes by without someone in my family coming down with a minor illness or needing a school medical report, immunisation or medication. That is why I am thankful for Complete Healthcare International.

The level of service at CHI from the doctors and support staff is exceptional, and the clinic is kept spotlessly clean, which is important when you are a germ freak like I am. The female physicians are all expatriates who have a certain understanding and empathy, particularly for their female patients.

I also appreciate CHI's ties to alternative therapies. CHI is just one of the facilities that make up the Body with Soul healthcare services, and I have had some great results with the facility's acupuncturist.

I have fostered two newborn babies in the past year. The doctors have been fantastic with the medical care provided to both babies, and the support they have given me in my new role as foster mom. I couldn't ask for more in a medical clinic.

*Justine Starr –
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iKids Paediatric Practice

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Since arriving in Singapore a few years ago, I have been taking my sons, Evan and Austin, to the iKids Paediatric Practice. The clinic is clean, bright, and filled with toys and books. There is a separate private area with comfortable chairs for breastfeeding.



Dr Irene Chan is a wonderful paediatrician and truly dedicated to her patients' care. She and her clinic nurse and assistant are so warm and friendly that my boys actually look forward to their appointments.

We had only lived in Singapore for two months when I went into labour five weeks early. Although Dr Chan was on her way to the airport for a medical mission to Cambodia, she went to the hospital to be there for the birth. On her return, she visited my son in the hospital's premature-baby unit every day. It was a real comfort to know that she was by our side during that time.

iKids is a wonderful clinic, and I would recommend it to anyone.

*Samantha Livesey and sons Evan Burks (4)
and Austin Burks (2) – UK*