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Research Interests:

- Prehospital Emergency Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Alcohol
- Frequent attenders to Emergency Departments

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## Biography

Dr Desmond Mao is an Emergency Physician at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH). He serves as Senior Consultant, Unit for Prehospital Emergency Care and Chairman for the Alcohol-Related Frequent Attenders Program under the Ministry of Health. He is a member of the Medical Advisory Committee for the Singapore Civil Defence Force.

Dr Mao is the first doctor to complete the Singapore Prehospital Emergency Care Fellowship in 2016. He won the Singapore Young Investigator Award (Clinical Research) Gold in 2019. In 2020, he was awarded the Public Service Commission Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship.

His research focuses on prehospital emergency care, emergency medicine and health services and has addressed issues such as out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, paramedic termination of resuscitation, 995 dispatch centre studies, ultrasound and COVID-19.

Dr Mao has obtained more than S\$2.4 million in grants, which include studies on alcohol misuse, prehospital and emergency department care. He is the Principal Investigator for a multi-centre, interventional cohort study of alcohol misuse patients who frequent the emergency department. He has published more than 30 articles in international and local journals, such as *Resuscitation*, *Prehospital Emergency Care*, *Canadian Medical Journal*, *Lancet Public Health*, etc.

## Selected Publications

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### Notable Research Awards & Grants From Past 5 Years

Name of Awards & Grants	Year Obtained
1 <sup>st</sup> Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Care Fellowship Program	2015
Singapore Young Investigator Award (Clinical Research) Gold	2019
Alexandra Health Enabling Grant for “National TOR2 Study”	2019
KTPH Research-Investigator-Scientist Enabler Grant	2019
Alexandra Health Enabling Grant for “Alcohol-Related Frequent Attenders to an Emergency Department – A Qualitative Study”	2020
Public Service Commission Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship	2020