

Make more public places 'heart safe'

I REFER to Tuesday's article, "Life savers at Changi Airport". The Singapore Heart Foundation (SHF) would like to congratulate Changi Airport on its decision to install automated heart defibrillators (AEDs) at the airport and to train its staff and those of other agencies operating at the airport to use the devices.

SHF, as part of its Heart Safe Singapore programme, has been working with other interested organisations to raise public awareness of the importance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of AEDs to improve the survival rate in out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest situations. It would be important for visitors to the airport to learn how to use the AEDs in an emergency and SHF would welcome an opportunity to explore with Changi Airport how this can be done.

SHF has also been working closely with both public and commercial organisations in installing AEDs in public places. We are encouraged that more and more organisations are coming forward

to support this initiative and would like to urge more building owners to follow Changi Airport's example to make their premises "heart safe".

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