

Sharing Session on Healthcare Engineering and Infection Control in Clinic Setting

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Aims of the Sharing Session

- To share experience in application of infection control principles in the design of outpatient clinics
- To introduce healthcare engineering considerations in clinic setting
- To introduce prevailing international healthcare engineering standards relevant to clinic setting



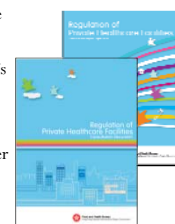
Existing Regulatory System

- **Principal ordinances that regulate private healthcare facilities**
 - Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap.165)
 - Medical Clinics Ordinance (Cap.343)
- **Ordinances that regulate medical practitioners and dentists**
 - Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161)
 - Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156)

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Legislative Review for Private Healthcare Facilities

- Public consultation on regulation of private healthcare facilities (PHFs) from Dec 2014 to Mar 2015
- A new regulatory regime covering three types of PHFs
 - **Hospitals**
 - **Day procedure centres** - ambulatory facilities providing high-risk medical procedures
 - **Medical clinics** - medical and dental clinics under the management of incorporated bodies
- Introduction of Bill in 2016/17 Legislative Session



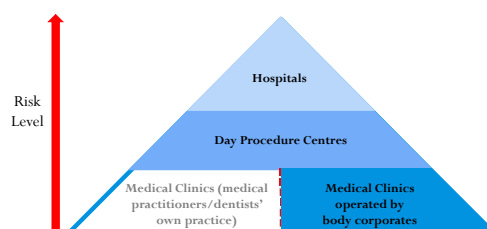
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Proposed Licensing Scheme – Premises-based

- **Regulation of healthcare facilities (i.e. premises)**
 - Control measures commensurate with complexity of services and clinical and operational risks involved
- **Regulation of professional practice and conduct**
 - Continue to rest with relevant professional councils (i.e. Medical Council of Hong Kong, Dental Council of Hong Kong)

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Licensing System for Private Healthcare Facilities



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Licensing of Private Healthcare Facilities	
Instrument	Key content
Legislation	- Defining types of licensed private healthcare facilities - Licensing requirements and procedures - Key requirements /responsibilities of licensee/person-in-charge - Appeals and complaints mechanisms - Penalties, fees and charges
Code of Practice	Licensing Standards : - governance - physical conditions - service delivery and care process - infection control - resuscitation and contingency
Registration Guidance	- Form and manner of application - Proof of compliance – set-up; documentation

Licensing Standards for Private Healthcare Facilities		
Facility	Structure	Standard-setting
Hospitals	Code of Practice for Private Hospitals – General requirements; requirements for specific services	Adapted from the existing Code of Practice for Cap. 165
Day Procedure Centres	Core Standards & Procedure-specific Standards (e.g. surgery, endoscopy, haemodialysis)	Project Steering Committee (PSC) - DH/Hong Kong Academy of Medicine(HKAM)/Hospital Authority/Medical Faculties/Professional Associations
Medical Clinics	Standards for Medical Clinics	- Adapted from the existing Code of Practice for Cap. 343 - In consultation with PSC and Professional Associations

Upcoming Events

- Territory-wide survey on private healthcare facilities
- Promulgation of **Core Standards for Day Procedure Centres** by HKAM as professional guidance

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Thank you