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Dear Doctors,

**Compliance with the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633)
in Relation to Autologous Cell Transplant and Platelet-rich Plasma Injections**

We write to draw your attention to a recent incident involving the provision of Regenera Activa (RGA) and platelet-rich-plasma injections at premises that were not licensed as a day procedure centre (DPC) under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633) (the Ordinance).

The Incident

On 11 February 2026, the Department of Health (DH) and the Police conducted a joint enforcement operation at premises in Mongkok suspected of performing RGA procedures and platelet-rich plasma (PRP) injections without a DPC license, in breach of the Ordinance. Investigation of the contraventions is ongoing. The DH also refer the doctors suspected of performing high-risk medical procedures (i.e. “scheduled medical procedures” under the Ordinance) in unlicensed premises to the Medical Council of Hong Kong for follow-up, given concerns about failure to act in patients’ best interests when providing medical care.

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Scheduled Medical Procedures

Scheduled medical procedures (SMPs) are those entailing a higher level of risks and may only be performed in licensed hospitals or DPCs. Eight classes of specialised services that are identified as SMPs are specified in Schedule 3 to the Ordinance (see Annex A). **Transplant of any cell, tissue or organ, including autograft, allograft, xenograft, processed tissue or blood products (such as platelet-rich plasma) and skin flap (including skin lift)**, are classified as SMPs.

Both RGA and PRP injections are classified as SMPs, as they involve autologous cell transplant. Accordingly, such procedures may only be performed in **licensed hospitals or DPCs**. Any person who operates a DPC without a licence commits an offence and, upon conviction, is liable to a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for three years.

Verification of the licencing status of a private healthcare facility

Medical practitioners are reminded to ensure they perform SMPs only in licensed hospitals or DPCs. The DH has established the Private Healthcare Facilities Register, listing all private healthcare facilities with valid licences and exemptions. DPCs must display their licence in a conspicuous place; each licence bears a QR code that can be scanned using the eHealth app to verify its validity.

Regarding application for licences or letter of exemption, if applicable, for private healthcare facilities, including private hospitals, day procedure centres and clinics, please visit the website of the Office for Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities <https://www.orphf.gov.hk>.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Health

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Schedule 3

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Classes of Specialized Services

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Class of specialized services	Particular medical procedures	Exceptions to medical procedures described in column 2
1. Surgical procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Creation of surgical wound to allow access to major body cavity or viscus, including access to central large joints (b) Removal of tissue or fluid, or both, of a total volume of 500 mL or above (c) Removal of tissue or fluid, or both, of any volume from deep seated organ in children under the age of 12 years (d) Removal of tissue or fluid, or both, of any volume from thoracic cavity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Needle injection (ii) Creation of surgical wound to allow access to peripheral joints distal to knee and elbow <p>Suprapubic tap</p> <p>Diagnostic pleural tapping</p>

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Column 1 Class of specialized services	Column 2 Particular medical procedures	Column 3 Exceptions to medical procedures described in column 2
	(e) Insertion of prosthesis or implant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1002 645 1385 831">(i) Insertion of prosthesis in ear, nose and throat cavity <li data-bbox="1002 857 1406 999">(ii) Insertion of dental prosthesis and implant <li data-bbox="1002 1025 1406 1115">(iii) Insertion of facial implant <li data-bbox="1002 1142 1406 1283">(iv) Insertion of extra- ocular prosthesis and implant <li data-bbox="1002 1310 1406 1451">(v) Insertion of intrauterine or vaginal prosthesis <li data-bbox="1002 1478 1433 1552">(vi) Insertion of bulking agent of urethra <li data-bbox="1002 1579 1390 1720">(vii) Insertion of prostatic urethral stent <li data-bbox="1002 1747 1326 1821">(viii) Insertion of urethral sling <li data-bbox="1002 1848 1433 1939">(ix) Insertion of testicular prosthesis

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Column 1 Class of specialized services	Column 2 Particular medical procedures	Column 3 Exceptions to medical procedures described in column 2
	(f) Core biopsy	(i) Core biopsy of superficial tissue excluding thyroid or salivary glands (ii) Core biopsy of superficial and peripheral muscle
	(g) Biopsy of deep-seated organ	
	(h) Lumbar puncture	
	(i) Transplant of any cell, tissue or organ, including autograft, allograft, xenograft, processed tissue or blood products (including platelet-rich plasma) and skin flap (including face lift)	(i) Skin graft less than 1% of total body surface area (ii) Transplant of conjunctival autograft (iii) Transplant procedure which primarily involves dento-alveolar region
	(j) Termination of pregnancy	
	(k) Dilation and curettage	

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Class of specialized services	Particular medical procedures	Exceptions to medical procedures described in column 2
2. Endoscopic procedure	<p>(l) Circumcision with use of skin sutures in paediatric patients</p> <p>(a) Endoscopic procedure requiring image guidance</p> <p>(b) Endoscopic procedure involving invasion of sterile cavity or gastrointestinal tract</p> <p>(c) Therapeutic endoscopic procedure</p>	<p>Cystoscopy, and cystoscopic removal of ureteric catheter or stent, but not including other therapeutic cystoscopic procedure</p> <p>Minor therapeutic procedure such as removal of foreign body</p>
3. Dental procedure	<p>Maxillofacial surgical procedure that extends beyond dento-alveolar process, including but not limited to—</p> <p>(a) Maxillary osteotomies and mandibular osteotomies (including angle reduction)</p>	<p>(i) Temporomandibular arthrocentesis</p> <p>(ii) Temporomandibular arthroscopy</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) Open reduction and fixation of complex maxillofacial fracture (c) Surgical treatment of diagnosed malignancies (d) Surgical treatment of complex haemangioma (e) Surgery involving major salivary glands (f) Open surgery of temporomandibular joint (g) Harvesting of autogenous bone from outside oral cavity (h) Primary cleft lip and palate surgery 	

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4. Chemo-therapy	Administration of chemotherapy (cytotoxic) through parenteral routes regardless of therapeutic indication	
5. Haemo-dialysis	Haemodialysis	
6. Inter-ventional radiology and lithotripsy	(a) Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) requiring image guidance (b) Image-guided core biopsy	(i) Image-guided core biopsy of superficial tissues excluding thyroid or salivary glands (ii) Image-guided core biopsy of superficial and peripheral muscle
7. Anaesthetic procedure	(a) General anaesthesia (b) Neuroaxial blocks (including spinal, epidural and caudal)	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) Major plexus block (including cervical, brachial, lumbar and sacral) (d) Intravenous regional anaesthesia (e) Intercostal nerve block (f) Major nerve block— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Glossopharyngeal nerve, vagus nerve or their terminal branches (including superior, inferior and recurrent laryngeal nerves); (ii) Sciatic and femoral nerves; (iii) Posterior tibial nerve, pudendal nerve or para- cervical block 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (g) Use of sedative or analgesic drugs with reasonable expectation that it will, in the manner used, result in deep sedation for a significant percentage of a group of patients (h) Tumescant anaesthesia 	
8. Radiotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) External beam radiotherapy (b) Brachytherapy (c) Radionuclide therapy 	