REGULATION OF PRIVATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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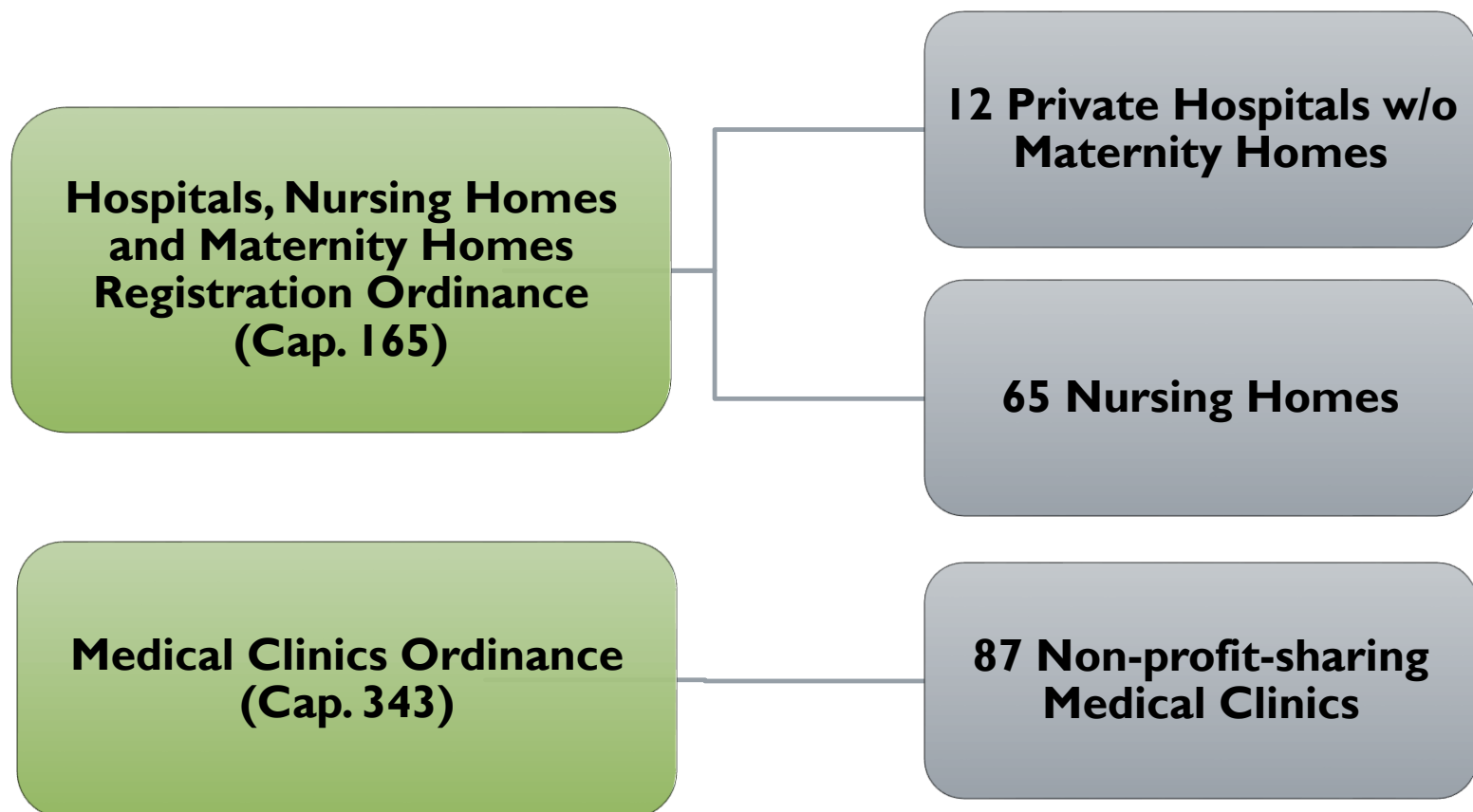
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INTRODUCTION

- Office for Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities (ORPHF), Department of Health

- Register the healthcare institutions subject to conditions on staffing, accommodation and equipment

  - Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap. 165)

  - Medical Clinics Ordinance (Cap. 343)

- Codes of Practice issued by DH sets out regulatory standards

EXISTING REGULATORY REGIME

Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap. 165)

12 Private Hospitals w/o Maternity Homes

65 Nursing Homes

Medical Clinics Ordinance (Cap. 343)

87 Non-profit-sharing Medical Clinics

REGULATION OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS

- Registration and annual re-registration

- Vetting application for change in services

- Inspections

- Sentinel event investigation

- Complaint Handling

HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING UNIT

- Established under Licensing Section, ORPHF

- Sets standards and requirements for healthcare engineering systems of private hospitals

- Enforces registration requirements of private hospitals through:

  - Inspection

  - Incident investigation

  - Vetting of applications for first registration and change in services

HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING SYSTEM

- Healthcare engineering system for patient safety and infection control

- Electrical systems (e.g. back-up power supply)
- Specialized ventilation systems (e.g. operating room, clean room)
- Medical gas supply

REVAMPED REGULATORY REGIME FOR PRIVATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES
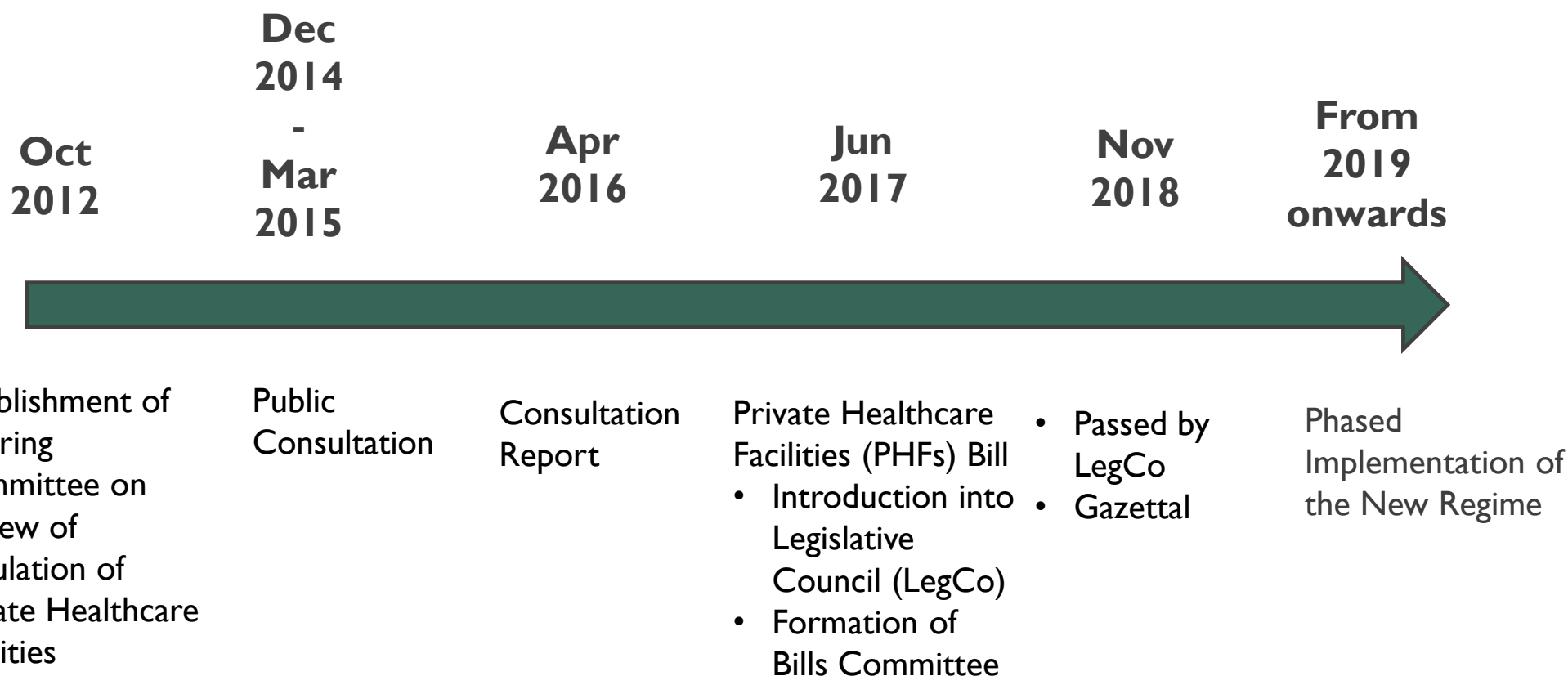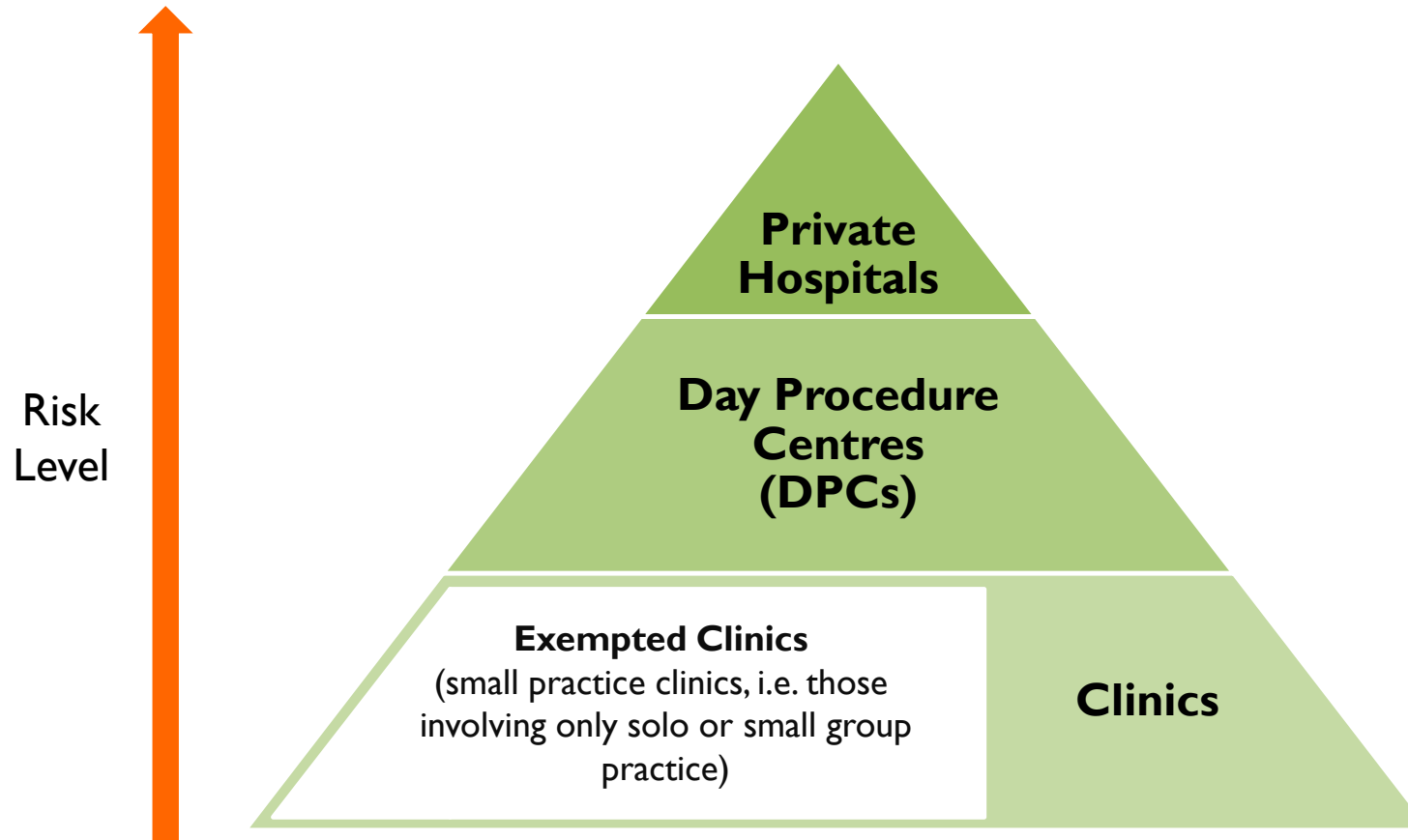
- Rapid growth in delivery of ambulatory surgical and ambulatory care services
- High-risk procedures no longer only performed in hospital setting

REVIEW OF REGULATION OF PRIVATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Oct 2012	Dec 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2016	Jun 2017	Nov 2018	From 2019 onwards
Establishment of Steering Committee on Review of Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities	Public Consultation	Consultation Report	Private Healthcare Facilities (PHFs) Bill • Introduction into Legislative Council (LegCo) • Formation of Bills Committee	• Passed by LegCo • Gazettal	Phased Implementation of the New Regime

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PRIVATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ORDINANCE (CAP 633)

Risk Level

Private Hospitals

Day Procedure Centres (DPCs)

Exempted Clinics
(small practice clinics, i.e. those involving only solo or small group practice)

Clinics

- **Health services estasblishments**: In addition to the above types, the Secretary for Food and Health is empowered to declare new categories of health services establishments in the future, so as to cater for possible regulatory needs in response to the evolving medical technology and changing needs of our society

IMPLEMENTATION IN PHASES

Private Hospitals

- Provide medical service with lodging
- Receiving pregnant woman for childbirth
- Commencement of licence application: **Mid 2019**

Day Procedure Centres

- Without lodging
- Carrying out scheduled medical procedures
- Commencement of licence application: **2020**

Clinics

- Without lodging
- Not carrying out scheduled medical procedures
- Commencement of licence application: **2021 (at the earliest)**

SCHEDULED MEDICAL PROCEDURES

- Surgical procedure

- Endoscopic procedure

- Dental procedure (maxillofacial surgery)

- Chemotherapy

- Haemodialysis

- Interventional radiology and lithotripsy

- Anaesthetic procedure

CODE OF PRACTICE

- Issued by the Director of Health

- Compliance with Code of Practice is a licensing condition

- Sets out standards to be complied by relevant type of licensed PHFs

OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR

- To brief engineering and related healthcare professionals on the **requirements and standards** of healthcare engineering systems of private hospitals in Hong Kong

- To introduce the requirement of **certification of healthcare engineering systems** by registered professional engineers of the relevant disciplines

- To share their experience on the application of **internationally acceptable healthcare engineering standards** to hospitals

Another seminar on healthcare engineering requirements in day procedure centres will be held later this year.

THANK YOU