REGULATION OF DAY PROCEDURE CENTRES UNDER THE PRIVATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ORDINANCE

SEMINAR ON HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING SYSTEMS OF DAY PROCEDURE CENTRES

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OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR

- To brief the latest development of the regulatory regime of private healthcare facilities in Hong Kong
- To introduce the guidelines of healthcare engineering systems of day procedure centres
- To share experience on the application of internationally acceptable healthcare engineering standards in day procedure centres



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



HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING UNIT

- Established under Licensing Section, ORPHF
- Sets guidelines, standards and requirements for healthcare engineering systems of private healthcare facilities
- Enforces registration requirements through:
 - Inspection
 - Incident investigation
 - Vetting of applications for first registration and change in services



REGULATION OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS

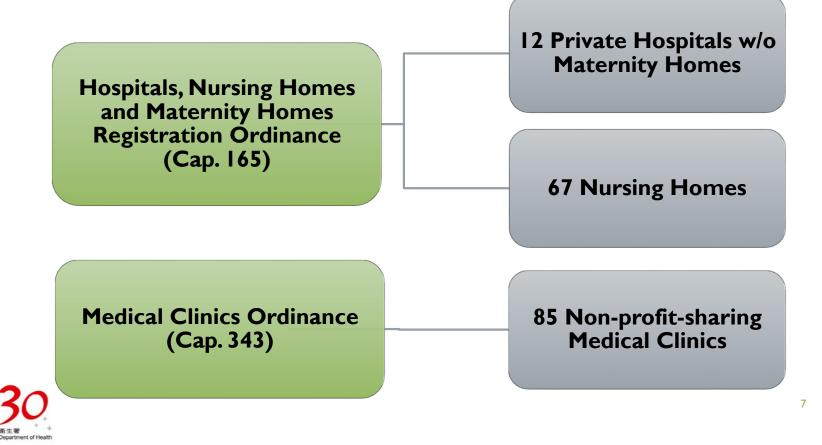
- Registration and annual re-registration
- Vetting application for change in services
- Inspections
- Sentinel event / significant incident investigation
- Complaint Handling



REVAMPED REGULATORY REGIME FOR PRIVATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES



EXISTING REGULATORY REGIME





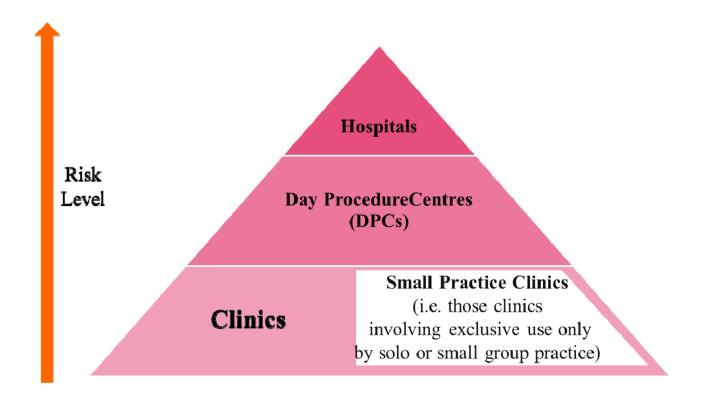
- High-risk procedures no longer only performed in hospital setting
- Rapid growth of provision of surgical services in ambulatory setting

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 	LegCo	Phased Implementation of the New Regime



TYPES OF PHFs TO BE REGULATED UNDER PRIVATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ORDINANCE (CAP 633)





• <u>Health services establishments</u>: Schedule 9 to the Ordinance

IMPLEMENTATION IN PHASES

Private Hospitals

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

Day Procedure Centres

- Without lodging
- Carrying out scheduled medical procedures
- Commencement of licence application:
 2 January 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
- Radiotherapy



CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DAY PROCEDURE CENTRES

Issued by the Director of Health

Compliance with Code of Practice is a licensing condition

Sets out standards to be complied by day procedure centres

ŝ	Code of Practice for Day Procedure Centres	
	Department of Health Hong Kong SAR, China August 2019	



CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DAY PROCEDURE CENTRES

- Management / governance
- Physical conditions
- Service delivery and care process
- Infection control
- Resuscitation and contingency

- Staffing
- Equipment
- Accommodation
- Policies and Procedures



GUIDELINES RELATING TO HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

- Two guidelines are annexed in the Code of Practice for Day Procedure Centre
- Annex II: Guidelines on Use of Operating Room for Surgical Procedures in Day Procedure Centres
 - provides a general guidance on the use of an operating room in a DPC
 - touches on the specialized ventilation systems of operating room
- Annex III: Guidelines for Healthcare Engineering Systems in Day Procedure Centres
 - Provides a general guidance on the design and installation of healthcare engineering systems in day procedure centres
 - feasibility of implementing this guidelines as a regulatory requirement would be reviewed in 2022.



THANK YOU

