

## 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)

## Legislative Review for Private Healthcare Facilities

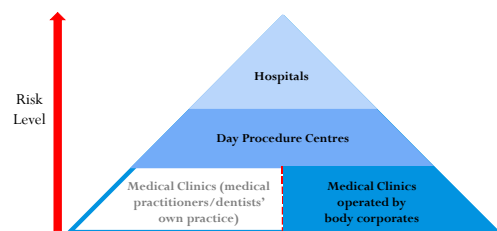
- Public consultation on regulation of private healthcare facilities (PHFs) from Dec 2014 to Mar 2015
- A new regulatory regime covering three types of PHFs
  - **Hospitals**
  - **Day procedure centres** - ambulatory facilities providing high-risk medical procedures
  - **Medical clinics** - medical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



## 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)

## Licensing System for Private Healthcare Facilities



Licensing of Private Healthcare Facilities	
Instrument	Key content
Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defining types of licensed private healthcare facilities</li> <li>Licensing requirements and procedures</li> <li>Key requirements /responsibilities of licensee/person-in-charge</li> <li>Appeals and complaints mechanisms</li> <li>Penalties, fees and charges</li> </ul>
Code of Practice	Licensing Standards : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>governance</li> <li>physical conditions</li> <li>service delivery and care process</li> <li>infection control</li> <li>resuscitation and contingency</li> </ul>
Registration Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form and manner of application</li> <li>Proof of compliance – set-up; documentation</li> </ul>

Licensing Standards for Private Healthcare Facilities		
Facility	Structure	Standard-setting
Hospitals	<b>Code of Practice</b> for Private Hospitals – General requirements; requirements for specific services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adapted from the existing Code of Practice for Cap. 165</li> </ul>
Day Procedure Centres	<b>Core Standards &amp; Procedure-specific Standards</b> (e.g. surgery, endoscopy, haemodialysis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Steering Committee (PSC) - DH/Hong Kong Academy of Medicine(HKAM)/Hospital Authority/Medical Faculties/Professional Associations</li> </ul>
Medical Clinics	<b>Standards for Medical Clinics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adapted from the existing Code of Practice for Cap. 343</li> <li>In consultation with PSC and Professional Associations</li> </ul>

### 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