



香港醫務委員會  
THE MEDICAL COUNCIL  
OF HONG KONG

## Amendments of the Medical Registration Ordinance

第二十八期通訊 / 二零二一年十二月  
NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 28 / DECEMBER 2021

Over the years, Hong Kong has been facing serious shortage of doctors. To meet the service demand and alleviate the frontline manpower shortage, the Government introduced the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 (“the Bill”) into the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) in June 2021 with a view to creating a new pathway for qualified non-locally trained doctors to obtain full registration in Hong Kong.

The Bill was passed by the LegCo on 21 October 2021 and the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance (“the Amendment Ordinance”) was gazetted on 29 October 2021. The Medical Council would like to update members of the profession on the major changes effected under the new provisions of the amended Medical Registration Ordinance (“the amended Ordinance”).

### New Pathway for Admission of Non-locally Trained Doctors

The amended Ordinance provides a legal framework for special registration as a new pathway for admission of non-locally trained doctors to obtain full registration in Hong Kong, as an alternative to the current pathway of passing the Licensing Examination, subject to certain criteria being met.

#### Hong Kong permanent residents who possess recognised medical qualifications and medical registration outside Hong Kong

As stipulated in the amended Ordinance, in order to be eligible for full registration in Hong Kong, a non-locally trained doctor who is a Hong Kong permanent resident (“HKPR”) has to fulfill the following criteria:

- (a) he/she holds a **recognised medical qualification** awarded by a non-local medical school (as determined by the Special Registration Committee (“SRC”) under the establishment of the Medical Council) and possesses **medical registration** in any place where the non-local medical schools concerned are located;

- (b) he/she has been engaged in **full-time employment as a medical practitioner with special registration** in any of the public healthcare institutions (i.e. Hospital Authority (“HA”), Department of Health, The University of Hong Kong (“HKU”) and The Chinese University of Hong Kong (“CUHK”)) for **at least five years after obtaining specialist qualification** recognised or awarded by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (“HKAM”); and
- (c) he/she is considered by the employing public healthcare institutions to have **served satisfactorily and competently** as a medical practitioner during the five years (or more) period.

For those non-local doctors who have yet to receive specialist training, they will have to complete the entire specialist training in Hong Kong, which normally lasts for at least six years. For those who have attained a qualification comparable to the pre-intermediate/intermediate examinations of constituent Colleges of HKAM, they will have to continue the remaining specialist training for a period of at least five/three years in Hong Kong, subject to the advice of HKAM based on the circumstances of individual cases.

*Hong Kong permanent residents who possess recognised medical qualifications but do not have medical registration outside Hong Kong*

Under the amended Ordinance, **non-locally trained medical graduates who are HKPRs and hold the recognised medical qualifications determined by SRC are eligible to take the Licensing Examination as well as to undergo the period of assessment in Hong Kong**, irrespective of whether their medical training includes a period of internship. Subject to their satisfactory performance during the one-year internship, they will be granted special registration and may obtain full registration eventually after meeting the same requirements as other special registration doctors, including the length of service in the public healthcare institutions.

In other words, two categories of applicants are now allowed to take the Licensing Examination in Hong Kong, namely (a) those who have completed not less than five years full time medical training as acceptable to the Medical Council, including a period of internship, and (b) holders of recognised medical qualification (as determined by SRC) who are HKPRs.

*Non-Hong Kong permanent residents*

Under the amended Ordinance, **non-HKPRs holding recognised medical qualifications who possess specialist qualifications** recognised or awarded by HKAM may also apply for special registration and obtain full registration eventually after meeting the same requirements as other special registration doctors, including the length of service in the public healthcare institutions.

*Limited registration doctors*

**Limited registration doctors, who have worked in the public healthcare institutions for at least five years, are eligible to migrate to the special registration route after obtaining specialist qualification** recognised or awarded by HKAM, irrespective of whether they are HKPRs. Other than the requirement on possession of recognised medical qualification, all other requirements for obtaining special registration still apply to these doctors.

While there will be **retrospective recognition of the pre-Amendment Ordinance service** of limited registration doctors, they still have to fulfill the relevant requirements applicable to special registration doctors after migration to the special registration route, including at least five years of service in the public healthcare institutions after special registration.

## Establishment of the Special Registration Committee

The Government announced on 12 November 2021 the establishment of the SRC in accordance with the amended Ordinance and the appointment of Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP as the SRC Chairperson. The composition (under section 14G(1) of the amended Ordinance) and membership of the SRC are set out below:

Stipulations in section 14G(1) of the amended Ordinance	Composition	Membership
(a)	the Director of Health or his/her representative	Dr LI Mun-pik, Teresa
(b)	the Chief Executive of HA or his/her representative	Dr YEUNG Tai-kong, Deacons
(c)	the Chairman of the Medical Council	Prof. LAU Wan-ye, Joseph, SBS
(d)	the President of the HKAM	Prof. LEUNG Ka-kit, Gilberto
(e)	the Dean of Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine of HKU	Prof. LEUNG Gabriel Matthew, GBS, JP
(f)	the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of CUHK	Prof. CHAN Ka-leung, Francis, SBS, JP
(g)	not more than three persons, who are members of the Medical Council, to be appointed by the Chief Executive	Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP
		Mr CHAN Wing-kai
		Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP
(h)	not more than one other person to be appointed by the Chief Executive	Prof. WU Ting-yuk, Anthony, GBS, JP

*Note: The terms of office for SRC Members appointed under sections 14G(1)(g) and 14G(1)(h) above run from 15 November 2021 for a period of three years.*

While established under the Medical Council, the SRC is solely and independently responsible for the determination of the list of recognised medical qualifications awarded by non-local medical schools, and then submit the list to the Registrar of Medical Practitioners (“Registrar”), i.e. Director of Health, direct for promulgation by way of legal notice in the Gazette. There is no discretionary power for the Registrar to vary the list so recommended by the SRC. The professional regulation, conduct and disciplinary matters over the doctors, including those with special registration, remain under the oversight of Medical Council.

In determining the list of recognized medical qualifications, the SRC would take into account the following of a medical qualification in accordance with section 14F(3) of the amended Ordinance:

- (a) that is at the level of degree or higher;
- (b) that is awarded by a body in a place outside Hong Kong that is broadly comparable to any local university in terms of international rankings; and
- (c) that is broadly comparable to the medical qualifications awarded by any local university in terms of –
  - (i) curriculum of the programmes leading to the award of the medical qualifications;
  - (ii) medium of instruction of the programmes; and
  - (iii) any other aspects the Committee considers appropriate.

The SRC held its first meeting on 29 November 2021. The SRC plans to announce the list of recognised medical qualifications in batches and aims at announcing the first batch of recognised medical qualifications in March or April 2022 to facilitate students who would like to receive basic medical training outside Hong Kong to make early preparation and to allow those qualified non-locally trained doctors practising outside Hong Kong to serve in the public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong under special registration.

After promulgation, the list will be reviewed by the SRC at regular intervals. Any subsequent changes to the list (i.e. addition or deletion) will only take effect in a prospective manner, i.e. applicable to the first-year intakes after the effective date of the changes only, without affecting those who are already pursuing the relevant medical programmes.

## **Application for Special Registration**

The registration procedures and application form for Special Registration will be promulgated in due course. Doctors may check the latest announcements on the website of the Medical Council (<https://www.mchk.org.hk>) for any updates in this regard.

## Quotable Qualifications

According to section 5 “Professional communication and information dissemination” of the Code of Professional Conduct, doctors may quote those quotable qualifications approved by the Medical Council in dissemination of service information to the public. The Guidelines on Quoting of Qualifications and the updated List of Quotable Qualifications (“the List”) are promulgated on the Medical Council’s website at <https://www.mchk.org.hk/english/guideline/qualification.html>.

### Additions to the List of Quotable Qualifications

Since January 2021, the Medical Council, on the recommendation of the Education and Accreditation Committee (“EAC”), has approved additions to the List as set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

#### (i) Addition of quotable qualifications under the generally approved category

The Medical Council has approved the following qualifications for inclusion in the List under the generally approved category:

Title of Qualification	Abbreviation	Chinese Title	Date of Approval by the Medical Council
1. Master of Science in Musculoskeletal Medicine, Rehabilitation and Geriatric Orthopaedics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	MSc MRGO (CUHK)	香港中文大學骨關節醫學、康復及老年骨科理學碩士	12 March 2021
(Remarks: “ <i>Master of Science in Musculoskeletal Medicine, Rehabilitation and Geriatric Orthopaedics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i> ” should not be quoted simultaneously with any of the following qualifications: (1) “ <i>Master of Science in Musculoskeletal Medicine and Rehabilitation, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i> ”; (2) “ <i>Master of Science in Geriatric Orthopaedics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i> ”; and (3) “ <i>Postgraduate Diploma in Musculoskeletal Medicine and Rehabilitation, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i> ”.)			
2. Master of Science in Clinical Gerontology and End-of-Life Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	MSc Clinical Gerontology & EOLC (CUHK)	香港中文大學臨床老人學與寧養關顧理學碩士	2 June 2021
(Remarks: “ <i>Master of Science in Clinical Gerontology and End-of-Life Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i> ” and “ <i>Master of Science in Clinical Gerontology, Chinese University of Hong Kong</i> ” should not be quoted simultaneously.)			

## *(ii) Addition of quotable qualifications under the specifically approved category*

The Medical Council has also approved the following qualifications for inclusion in the List under the specifically approved category:

Title of Qualification	Abbreviation	Chinese Title	Date of Approval by the Medical Council	Reference
1. Doctor of Philosophy, The University of Hong Kong	PhD (HK)	香港大學 哲學博士	2 June 2021	MC/QQ/04/21
2. Doctor of Philosophy, Erasmus University Rotterdam	PhD (EUR)	鹿特丹 伊拉斯姆斯大學 哲學博士	8 September 2021	MC/QQ/04/20
3. Doctor of Philosophy, Joint PhD between The University of Hong Kong and King's College London	Joint PhD (HKU and KCL)	香港大學 及倫敦國王學院 聯合哲學博士	1 December 2021	MC/QQ/06/21

The qualifications can only be quoted by those applicants to whom the approvals are given.

## *(iii) Change of abbreviation of quotable qualification*

The Medical Council decided at its Policy Meeting on 12 March 2021 (i) to rectify the abbreviation of the following quotable qualification based on the advice from the Irish College of General Practitioners and (ii) to allow a three-year grace period for registered medical practitioners concerned to revise the abbreviation on their signboards, letter-heads and visiting cards, etc.:

Title of Qualification	Abbreviation	Chinese Title
Member, Irish College of General Practitioners	MICGP	愛爾蘭全科醫學院院士

(Remarks: The Medical Council decided at its meeting held on 12 March 2021 to adopt the official abbreviation of the qualification as advised by the Irish College of General Practitioners, i.e. "MICGP", instead of the previously adopted abbreviation "MCGP (Irel)". There would be a 3-year transitional period during which the use of either "MICGP" or "MCGP (Irel)" by a medical practitioner would be acceptable by the Council.)

## Application for quoting research master and doctoral degrees

Doctors are advised that individual approval is required for quoting the specifically approved qualifications (i.e. research master and doctoral degrees other than “*Master of Surgery*” and “*Doctor of Medicine*”) included in the List. Applications for quoting the specifically approved qualifications should be made to the EAC of the Medical Council.

## Quotable Appointments

The Medical Council has implemented the revised Rules on Quotable Appointments (“the QA Rules”) with effect from 1 January 2021.

Under the revised QA Rules and the Guidelines on Quotability of Appointments by Private Healthcare Facilities and Medical Clinics, a private healthcare facility / medical clinic has to satisfy the Medical Council that it has an established and objective system of offering appointments which is acceptable to the Medical Council before its appointments can be quoted by doctors in their medical practice. The names of 20 institutions with their appointment systems accepted by the Medical Council and their approved quotable appointments are included in the List of Quotable Appointments by Private Healthcare Facilities and Medical Clinics accepted under the Rules on Quotable Appointments (“the QA List”).

Members of the profession are required to comply with the revised QA Rules in quoting their appointments for the purpose of professional practice in Hong Kong. They are also advised to refer to the QA List for quotability of any appointments made by private healthcare facilities and medical clinics before quoting them.

The revised QA Rules and the QA List are promulgated on the Medical Council’s website at <http://www.mchk.org.hk/english/guideline/appointment.html>.

## Addition of New Specialty in the Specialist Register

The Education and Accreditation Committee of the Medical Council accepted at its meetings held on 18 June 2021 the recommendation of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine for addition of the new specialty “Vascular Surgery (血管外科)” (S64) to the Specialist Register.

# Statistics on Complaints / Inquiries Handled in 2020

## Table 1 - Complaints received by the Medical Council

Number of Complaints Received	<u>2016</u> 628*	<u>2017</u> 496	<u>2018</u> 639*	<u>2019</u> 3 286*	<u>2020</u> 3 356*
<b>(A) Allegations by category</b>					
1. Conviction in Court	53	57	55	47	58
(a) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	(3)	(2)	(2)	(0)	(0)
(b) Others	(50)	(55)	(53)	(47)	(58)
2. Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	330	321	446	438	243 <sup>#</sup>
3. Issuing misleading / false medical certificates	24	36	29	748	28
4. Practice promotion	7	13	33	9	39
5. Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	150	9	6	6	12
6. Improper / indecent behaviour to patients	8	7	17	17	11
7. Abuse of professional position to further improper association with patients	2	-	-	-	-
8. Fitness to practise	3	-	-	-	-
9. Abuse of professional confidence	-	2	2	-	1
10. Depreciation of other medical practitioners	2	-	1	-	1
11. Sharing fee and improper financial transaction	-	2	3	5	2
12. Failure to maintain proper medical records	-	11	6	75	22
13. Mishandling of patient's personal data	-	3	1	19	4
14. Improper delegation of medical duties to unregistered persons	-	-	-	2	2
15. Other issues unrelated to professional responsibility	49	35	40	1 920	2 933
<b>(B) Progress of complaints as at 31 December 2020</b>					
1. Dismissed by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the relevant Preliminary Investigation Committee ("PIC") in consultation with a lay member as being frivolous or groundless	183	113	20	144	126
2. Could not be pursued further because the complainants failed to provide further information or statutory declaration or the complaints were anonymous or withdrawn, etc.	62	105	147	140	8
3. Under consideration by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the relevant PIC in consultation with a lay member	2	5	7	2 637	3 148
4. Held in abeyance	4	2	-	2	-
5. Being considered at the PIC meetings	9	36	66	194	51
6. Dismissed by the relevant PIC	289	170	324	121	3
7. Referred to the Medical Council for no disciplinary inquiry	41	43	42	36	18
8. Referred to the Medical Council for no pre-registration inquiry	1	2	1	2	-
9. Referred to the Medical Council for no restoration inquiry	-	-	-	-	1
10. Referred to the Medical Council / inquiry panel for disciplinary inquiry	36	18	30	8	1
11. Referred to the Medical Council for restoration inquiry	-	1	-	-	-
12. Referred to the Medical Council for pre-registration inquiry	1	-	-	2	-
13. Referred to the Health Committee for hearing	-	1	2	-	-

### Remarks:

\* The net number of complaints received in 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020 is as follows:

- The net number of complaints received in 2016 was 493 as there were 136 complaints on the same incident against the same registered medical practitioner received in 2016.
- The net number of complaints received in 2018 was 506 as there were 74 complaints on the same incident against a registered medical practitioner and 61 complaints on another incident against 3 registered medical practitioners received in 2018 respectively.
- Among the 3 286 complaint cases received in 2019, 2 742 cases can be consolidated into 11 groups of same / very similar complaints against 11 doctors. As such, the net number of complaints received in 2019 was 555.
- Among the 3 356 complaint cases received in 2020, 2 653 cases can be consolidated into 11 groups of same / very similar complaints against 11 doctors. As such, the net number of complaints received in 2020 was 714.

# The breakdown of cases on "Disregard of professional responsibility to patients" in 2020 is as follows:

- Failure / unsatisfactory result of treatment / surgery, failure to properly / timely diagnose illness and disagreement with doctor's medical opinion – 85 cases
- Conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery – 45 cases
- Inappropriate prescription of drugs – 45 cases
- Doctor's unprofessional attitude / Doctor-patient communication – 22 cases
- Failure to give proper medical advice / explanation – 17 cases
- Other treatment-related issues – 29 cases



**Table 2 - Breakdown on the complaints received in 2020 which were dismissed by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the new PIC of the Medical Council as being frivolous or groundless**

<u>Nature of Complaints</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>
1. Sick leave and related matters	4
2. Administration of clinics	2
3. Wrong declaration on convictions	2
4. Alleged improper / indecent behaviour to patients	1
5. Disagreement with doctor's medical opinion	1
6. Other issues unrelated to professional misconduct	116
Total: <u>126</u>	

**Table 3 - Work of the PICs of the Medical Council**

<u>Nature</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>	
				<u>Deemed PIC</u>	<u>New PIC</u>	<u>Deemed PIC</u>	<u>New PIC</u>
1. Total number of cases referred to the PIC meetings	154	368	242	224	249	105*	281*
2. Total number of cases referred to the Medical Council for no disciplinary inquiry / restoration inquiry / pre-registration inquiry after the PIC meetings	38	53	41	28	23	7#	49#
3. Total number of cases referred to the Medical Council / inquiry panel for disciplinary inquiry / restoration inquiry / pre-registration inquiry after the PIC meetings	57	38	39	26	13	21#	32#
4. Total number of cases referred to the Health Committee for hearing after the PIC meetings	-	1	1	-	2	-	-

**Remarks:**

\* This figure included those cases received before 2020. Cases referred to and considered by the PICs in 2020 fell under the following categories:

	<b>No. of Cases</b>	
	<b>Deemed PIC</b>	<b>New PIC</b>
(a) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	76	147
• <i>inappropriate prescription of drugs</i>	13	25
• <i>conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery</i>	34	54
• <i>failure to properly / timely diagnose illness</i>	14	19
• <i>doctor's unprofessional attitude / doctor-patient communication</i>	1	14
• <i>failure / unsatisfactory results of treatment / surgery</i>	10	13
• <i>failure to give proper medical advice / explanation</i>	1	9
• <i>disagreement with doctor's medical opinion</i>	-	10
• <i>other treatment-related issues</i>	3	3
(b) Conviction in court	7	53
(c) Practice promotion / Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	6	15
(d) Issuing misleading / false medical certificates	7	12
(e) Fee dispute	1	10
(f) Failure to maintain proper medical records	1	8
(g) Depreciation of other medical practitioners	2	3
(h) Improper / indecent behaviour to patients	1	3
(i) Sharing fee and improper financial transaction	2	1
(j) Mishandling of patient's personal data	-	1
(k) Miscellaneous	2	28
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>105</u></b>	<b><u>281</u></b>

# Case referred by the PICs to the Medical Council / inquiry panel in 2020 are classified as follows:

	<b>No. of Cases</b>	
	<b>Deemed PIC</b>	<b>New PIC</b>
<b>(A) Recommended for no disciplinary inquiry</b>		
Conviction in court	7	46
• <i>careless driving</i>	7	41
• <i>driving / using an unregistered vehicle and using vehicle without insurance</i>	-	1
• <i>left-driving expressway: restriction on vehicles using right most lane (by holder of probationary driving licence)</i>	-	1
• <i>littering from vehicles (against owner)</i>	-	1
• <i>overseas conviction: driving a vehicle carelessly causing injury</i>	-	1
• <i>riding as passenger in rear seat of public light bus not securely fastened with seat belt</i>	-	1
<b>(B) Recommended for no restoration inquiry</b>		
Conviction in court	-	1
• <i>overseas conviction: criminal damage to a car</i>	-	1
<b>(C) Recommended for no pre-registration inquiry</b>		
Conviction in court	-	2
• <i>careless driving</i>	-	1
• <i>riding / driving on a footpath</i>	-	1
<b>(D) Recommended for no disciplinary inquiry</b>		
(a) Conviction in court	-	4
• <i>indecent assault</i>	-	1
• <i>murder</i>	-	1
• <i>overseas conviction: violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”), money laundering, and conspiracy to commit the same</i>	-	1
• <i>selling drug not of the quality demanded by the purchaser</i>	-	1
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	14	11
• <i>conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery</i>	7	4
• <i>failure to give proper medical advice / explanation</i>	1	-
• <i>failure to properly / timely diagnose illness</i>	1	1
• <i>failure / unsatisfactory results of treatment / surgery</i>	2	-
• <i>inappropriate prescription of drugs</i>	3	6
(c) Practice promotion / Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	4	7
(d) Depreciation of other medical practitioners	-	3
(e) Sharing fee and improper financial transaction	2	1
(f) Improper / indecent behaviour to patients	-	1
(g) Mishandling of patient’s personal data	-	1
(h) Miscellaneous	1	1
<b>(E) Recommended for restoration inquiry</b>		
Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	-	3
• <i>conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery</i>	-	1
• <i>failure to properly / timely diagnose illness</i>	-	1
• <i>inappropriate prescription of drugs</i>	-	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>81</b>

**Table 4a - Work statistics of the deemed PIC of the Medical Council in 2020**

	Quarter				Total
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	
No. of PIC meetings	3	3	2	3	11
No. of cases considered	40	30	12	23	105
No. of cases dismissed (%)	24 (60.0%)	22 (73.3%)	12 (100%)	19 (82.6%)	77 (73.3%)
No. of cases referred to the Medical Council / inquiry panel (%)	16 (40.0%)	8 (26.7%)	0 (0%)	4 (17.4%)	28* (26.7%)
No. of cases referred to the Health Committee (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

\* Among the 28 cases, 7 cases were of minor offences and the Medical Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no disciplinary inquiry was to be held (Please see details in Table 3).

**Table 4b - Work statistics of the new PIC of the Medical Council in 2020**

	Quarter				Total
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	
No. of PIC meetings	3	3	2	3	11
No. of cases considered	48	65	61	107	281
No. of cases dismissed (%)	35 (73.0%)	41 (63.1%)	52 (85.3%)	72 (67.3%)	200 (71.2%)
No. of cases referred to the Medical Council / inquiry panel (%)	13 (27.0%)	24 (36.9%)	9 (14.7%)	35 (32.7%)	81* (28.8%)
No. of cases referred to the Health Committee (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

\* Among the 81 cases, 49 cases were of minor nature and the Medical Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no disciplinary / pre-registration / restoration inquiry was to be held (Please see details in Table 3).

**Table 5 - Disciplinary inquiries conducted in 2020**

Nature	No. of cases involved	Decision
<b>(A) Conviction in court</b>		
(a) Driving a motor vehicle with alcohol concentration in breath above the prescribed limit	(5)	Warning letter (gazetted)
(b) Indecent assault	(1)	Removal from General Register (“GR”) for 4 months
(c) Murders	(1)	Removal from GR indefinitely
(d) Offence of committing an act outraging public decency	(1)	Removal from GR for 4 months (suspended for 12 months)
(e) Operating a medical clinic in breach of a condition of the licence issued by the Ministry of Health in Singapore and adverse findings in disciplinary proceedings by the Disciplinary Committee of the Singapore Medical Council	(2)	Removal from GR for 12 months (suspended for 36 months)
<b>Sub-total:</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>(B) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients</b>		
	(3)	Warning letter (not gazetted)
	(2)	Warning letter (gazetted)
	(2)	Reprimanded
	(2)	Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 6 months)
	(6)	Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 12 months)
	(2)	Removal from GR for 2 months (suspended for 12 months)
	(1)	Removal from GR for 2 months (suspended for 18 months)
	(1)	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Defendant</i> Removal from GR for 2 months (suspended for 24 months) <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant</i> Removal from GR for 2 months
	(1)	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Defendant</i> Removal from GR for 2 months (suspended for 12 months) <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant</i> Removal from GR for 4 months (suspended for 24 months)
	(1)	Removal from GR for 4 months
	(1)	Removal from GR for 6 months (suspended for 36 months)
	(1)	Removal from GR for 12 months (suspended for 36 months)
	(8)	Not guilty
	(4)	Disciplinary inquiries to continue in 2021
<b>Sub-total:</b>		<b>35</b>

Nature	No. of cases involved	Decision
<b>(C) Issue misleading restrainers forms / medical examination forms in residential care home for the elderly</b>	(1)	1 <sup>st</sup> Defendant Warning letter (not gazetted)
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Defendant Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 6 months)
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Defendant Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 6 months)
		4 <sup>th</sup> Defendant Warning letter (not gazetted)
		5 <sup>th</sup> Defendant Removal from GR for 1 month
		6 <sup>th</sup> Defendant Warning letter (not gazetted)
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>(D) Issue misleading / false medical certificates</b>	(1)	Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 12 months)
	(1)	Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 24 months) and removal from the Special Register for 1 month
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>(E) Practice Promotion / Quotable Qualification</b>	(1)	Reprimanded
	(2)	Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 6 months)
	(7)	Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 12 months)
	(1)	Removal from GR for 3 months (suspended for 36 months)
	(1)	Removal from GR for 6 months (suspended for 36 months)
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>60</b>	

**Table 6 - Figures on appeal cases**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
No. of appeals lodged during the year	0	2	2	0	3
No. of appeal cases carried forward from previous years	0	0	2	2	0
<b>Total no. of appeal cases in progress in the year:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

**No of appeal cases concluded in 2020: 0**

## Reminders

### Reporting of offences punishable with imprisonment

A doctor convicted of any offence punishable with imprisonment is liable to disciplinary proceedings of the Medical Council, regardless of whether he/she is sentenced to imprisonment. Some offences, though appear to be minor in nature, are in fact offences punishable with imprisonment. Examples of offences punishable with imprisonment are careless driving, crossing continuous double white lines, driving / using an unregistered / unlicensed vehicle, using vehicle without insurance, riding / driving on a footpath, left-driving expressway: restriction on vehicles using right most lane (by holder of probationary driving licence), riding / possessing bicycle within country park or special area without consent of the Authority, riding as passenger in rear seat of public light bus not securely fastened with seat belt, littering from vehicles (against owner), etc.

Members of the profession are reminded that upon conviction of an offence punishable with imprisonment, they should report to the Medical Council **within 28 days** as required under section 29 of the Code of Professional Conduct as follows:

*“A doctor who has been convicted in or outside Hong Kong of an offence punishable with imprisonment or has been the subject of adverse findings in disciplinary proceedings by other professional regulatory bodies is required to report the matter to the Council within 28 days from the conviction or the adverse disciplinary finding, even if the matter is under appeal. Failure to report within the specified time will in itself be ground for disciplinary action. In case of doubt the matter should be reported.”*

In reporting conviction cases to the Medical Council, the doctor should provide all relevant document(s) such as certificate of trial as far as possible. Provision of sufficient information saves the Medical Council from having to make clarification with the doctor and/or liaise with the adjudicating court for retrieval of the related court document(s) and will facilitate the Medical Council in making an earlier decision on whether a disciplinary inquiry on the conviction should be held.

### Timely renewal of practising / retention certificates

A notification letter was issued to individual doctors on 7 September 2021 inviting them to apply for renewal of the annual practising / retention certificates. The Medical Council would like to remind doctors to make timely application for renewal of the certificates, and draw doctors' attention to the following:

- (a) According to section 20A of the Medical Registration Ordinance (“MRO”), a doctor who has not renewed the practising certificate by 31 December cannot lawfully practise medicine from 1 January of the following year onwards, until and unless he/she has obtained a valid practising certificate; and

- (b) Section 19(1)(b) of the MRO provides that the Medical Council may order the removal from the General Register of the name of any person who has not, before 30 June of a year, obtained his/her practising / retention certificate for that year. If a doctor's name is removed from the General Register, he/she will cease to be a registered doctor and cannot continue to practise. It is a criminal offence under section 28(2) of the MRO for a person whose name is not on the General Register to practise medicine or surgery.

## Change of registered addresses

Under the MRO, any registered medical practitioner is required to provide the Registrar of Medical Practitioners with an address at which notices from the Medical Council may be served on him/her. For this purpose, please notify the Registrar of Medical Practitioners either in writing or by completing a form, which is available from the Medical Council's website and can be obtained from the Central Registration Office at the following address, as soon as there is any change in your registered address:

17/F, Wu Chung House,  
213 Queen's Road East,  
Wanchai, Hong Kong

(Tel. No.: 2961 8648 / 2961 8758  
Fax No.: 2891 7946 / 2573 1000)

The address provided will be used for the purposes associated with registration under the MRO. The registered addresses as well as the names, qualifications and dates of qualifications of all persons whose names appear on the General Register are required to be published annually in the Gazette. Although the registered address may be a practising address, a residential address or a Post Office Box number, the Medical Council advises that the **practising address** be provided as the registered address. The practising address will be of more meaningful reference for the public in ascertaining who is entitled to practise medicine in Hong Kong, and will also afford privacy to the practitioner's residential address.

While publication of the registered medical practitioner's registered address in the Gazette is a mandatory requirement under the MRO, the Medical Council has decided that a registered medical practitioner may choose whether to have his/her registered address published on the Council's website. The list of registered medical practitioners on the Council's website will be updated on a monthly basis.



# Results of Elections of the Medical Council

## Medical Members

The Medical Council held its 25<sup>th</sup> election of Medical Council Members to fill three vacancies with vote counting conducted on 30 December 2020. Dr CHENG Chi-man, Dr MA Chung-ye, Arisina and Dr CHAN Tin-sang, Augustine were re-elected / elected by obtaining 3 975, 3 815, and 3 490 votes respectively. Their term of office as Members of the Medical Council commenced from 24 January 2021 for a period of three years.

The 26<sup>th</sup> election of Medical Members of the Medical Council is being conducted to fill two vacancies. The result of the election will be announced on the Medical Council's website after the vote counting scheduled for 22 December 2021. The Members so elected will hold office from 24 January 2022 for a period of three years.

Arising from the resignation of an elected Member, Dr MA Chung-ye, Arisina, which took effect on 1 November 2021, a by-election is being conducted to fill the casual vacancy for the unexpired period of the original term of office up to 23 January 2024. The result of the election will be announced on the Medical Council's website in due course.

## Lay Members

The Medical Council held its 2<sup>nd</sup> election of Lay Council Members to fill three vacancies. As the number of validly nominated candidates is the same as the number of vacancies, a poll was not required to be conducted for the election. Mr CHAN Wing-kai, Mr LAM Chi-yau and Ms LI Siu-hung were elected and their term of office as Lay Members of the Medical Council commenced from 21 December 2021 for a period of three years.

## Membership Lists (as at 31 December 2021)

### The Medical Council of Hong Kong

Prof. LAU Wan-ye, Joseph, SBS (Chairman)  
(劉允怡教授)

Mrs BIRCH LEE Suk-ye, Sandra, GBS, JP  
(李淑儀女士)

Dr IP Wing-yuk  
(葉永玉醫生)

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN  
(陳沛然議員)

Mr LAM Chi-yau  
(林志紉先生)

Dr CHAN Tin-sang, Augustine  
(覃天笙醫生)

Dr LAM Man-kin, Ronald, JP  
(林文健醫生)

Mr CHAN Wing-kai  
(陳永佳先生)

Dr LAU Chor-chiu, GSM, MH, JP  
(劉楚釗醫生)

Dr CHAN Yee-shing  
(陳以誠醫生)

Ms LI Siu-hung  
(李兆紅女士)

Dr CHENG Chi-man  
(鄭志文醫生)

Dr LEE Wai-hung, Danny  
(李偉雄醫生)

Dr CHEUNG Chin-pang  
(張展鵬醫生)

Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu  
(梁子超醫生)

Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming  
(張漢明醫生)

Dr LUNG David Christopher  
(龍振邦醫生)

Dr CHOI Kin, Gabriel  
(蔡堅醫生)

Dr MAK Siu-king  
(麥肇敬醫生)

Prof. CHOW Yat-ngok, York, GBS, MBE  
(周一嶽教授)

Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP  
(鄧惠瓊教授)

Dr CHOW Yu-fat  
(周雨發醫生)

Mr WONG Hin-wing, Simon, MH  
(黃顯榮先生)

Dr CHUNG Kin-lai  
(鍾健禮醫生)

Prof. WONG Yung-hou, MH  
(王殷厚教授)

Prof. FOK Tai-fai, SBS, JP  
(霍泰輝教授)

Dr YEUNG Hip-wo, Victor  
(楊協和醫生)

Dr HO Hung-kwong, Duncan  
(何鴻光醫生)

Secretary : Miss Suzanne WONG  
(黃素珊女士)

Dr HO Pak-leung, JP  
(何栢良醫生)

Legal Adviser : Mr Edward SHUM  
(岑炳生先生)

Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP  
(許美嫦女士)

Mr Stanley NG  
(吳焯軍先生)

Mr HUNG Hin-ching, Joseph  
(孔憲正先生)

## Education and Accreditation Committee

Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
(鄧惠瓊教授)

Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming  
(張漢明醫生)

Dr TONG Kai-sing  
(唐繼昇醫生)

Prof. HUNG Chi-tim, JP  
(熊志添教授)

Prof. WING Yun-kwok  
(榮潤國教授)

Prof. HUNG Ivan Fan-ngai  
(孔繁毅教授)

Dr WONG Tin-chun, Gordon  
(黃田鎮醫生)

Prof. LAI Bo-san, Paul  
(賴寶山教授)

Prof. WONG Yeung-shan, Samuel  
(黃仰山教授)

Dr LAM Nai-man  
(林乃文醫生)

Dr WU Wing-ye, Clara  
(胡詠儀醫生)

Dr LAU Chor-chiu, GMSM, MH, JP  
(劉楚釗醫生)

Secretary : Ms Iris CHANG  
(鄭詠燕女士)

Dr MAK Siu-king  
(麥肇敬醫生)

Legal Adviser : Mr Edward SHUM  
(岑炳生先生)

## Ethics Committee

Dr YEUNG Hip-wo, Victor (Chairman)  
(楊協和醫生)

Dr CHAN Hau-ngai, Kingsley  
(陳厚毅醫生)

Mr LAM Chi-yau  
(林志紉先生)

Dr CHAN Nim-tak, Douglas  
(陳念德醫生)

Dr LUNG David Christopher  
(龍振邦醫生)

Dr CHAN Tin-sang, Augustine  
(覃天笙醫生)

Mr MA Siu-leung, BBS, MH  
(馬紹良先生)

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN  
(陳沛然議員)

Dr TSE Chun-yan, MH  
(謝俊仁醫生)

Dr HO Hok-kung  
(何學工醫生)

Secretary : Ms Stella AU YEUNG  
(歐陽佩英女士)

Dr HO Hung-kwong, Duncan  
(何鴻光醫生)

Legal Adviser : Mr Edward SHUM  
(岑炳生先生)

Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP  
(許美嫦女士)

## Health Committee

Dr CHOW Yu-fat (Chairman)  
(周雨發醫生)

Dr CHAN Yee-shing  
(陳以誠醫生)

Dr CHAU Wai-ho, Steven  
(周偉浩醫生)

Prof. CHEUNG Chi-wai  
(張志偉教授)

Dr HO Pak-leung, JP  
(何栢良醫生)

Dr KEI Shiu-kong  
(紀紹綱醫生)

Dr LEE Siu-yin, Ruby, JP  
(李兆妍醫生)

Dr LO See-kit, Raymond  
(勞思傑醫生)

Dr SIN Pui-yee  
(冼佩儀醫生)

Dr SO King-woon, Alan  
(蘇景桓醫生)

Mr WOO King-hang  
(胡勁恒先生)

Secretary : Ms Maria CHOW  
(周群英女士)

Legal Adviser : Mr Edward SHUM  
(岑炳生先生)

## Licentiate Committee

Dr CHOI Kin, Gabriel (Chairman)  
(蔡堅醫生)

Dr CHONG King-ye  
(莊勁怡醫生)

Dr CO Tiong-hong, Michael  
(許長峯醫生)

Dr FONG Ho-ching, Edmund  
(方浩澄醫生)

Dr KONG Wing-ming  
(江永明醫生)

Dr LAM Wing-wo  
(林永和醫生)

Prof. LEE Ho-fun, Victor  
(李浩勳教授)

Prof. NG Kwok-wai, Enders  
(吳國偉教授)

Prof. SZETO Cheuk-chun  
(司徒卓俊教授)

Dr YEUNG Tai-kong, Deacons  
(楊諦岡醫生)

Secretary : Ms Phyllis KO  
(高依麗女士)

Legal Adviser : Mr Edward SHUM  
(岑炳生先生)

## Deemed Preliminary Investigation Committee

Prof. FOK Tai-fai, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
(霍泰輝教授)

Dr IP Wing-yuk (Deputy Chairman)  
(葉永玉醫生)

Mrs BIRCH LEE Suk-yeet, Sandra, GBS, JP \*  
(李淑儀女士)

Dr NG Kwok-keung  
(吳國強醫生)

Dr FOO Kam-so, Stephen  
(傅鑑蘇醫生)

Dr SO Yui-chi  
(蘇睿智醫生)

Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP \*  
(許美嫦女士)

Mr WONG Hin-wing, Simon, MH \*  
(黃顯榮先生)

Mr HUNG Hin-ching, Joseph \*  
(孔憲正先生)

Secretary : Ms Maria CHOW  
(周群英女士)

Dr MAW Kit-chee, Christina  
(繆潔芝醫生)

\* serving on a rotation basis, each for a period of three months

## Preliminary Investigation Committee (1)

Dr CHENG Chi-man (Chairman)  
(鄭志文醫生)

Dr HAU Kai-ching (Deputy Chairman)  
(侯佳禎醫生)

Dr CHEUNG Chin-pang  
(張展鵬醫生)

Mr HUI Man-kit, Patrick  
(許文傑先生)

Dr CHIU Shing-ping, James  
(趙承平醫生)

Prof. WONG Yung-hou, MH  
(王殷厚教授)

Ms CHUI Hoi-yeet, Heidi  
(徐凱怡女士)

Secretary : Mr Ambrose WONG  
(黃兆雄先生)

## Preliminary Investigation Committee (2)

Dr LEE Wai-hung, Danny (Chairman)  
(李偉雄醫生)

Dr BEH Swan-lip (Deputy Chairman)  
(馬宜立醫生)

Mr CHAN Hiu-fung, Nicholas, MH, JP  
(陳曉峰先生)

Dr LUNG David Christopher  
(龍振邦醫生)

Dr CHOW Wing-sun  
(周榮新醫生)

Ms WU Ka-lai, Cary  
(胡嘉麗女士)

Mr LAM Chi-yau  
(林志紉先生)

Secretary : Mr Ambrose WONG  
(黃兆雄先生)

## Special Registration Committee

Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
(鄧惠瓊教授)

Prof. CHAN Ka-leung, Francis, SBS, JP  
(陳家亮教授)

Dr LI Mun-pik, Teresa  
(李敏碧醫生)

Mr CHAN Wing-kai  
(陳永佳先生)

Prof. WU Ting-yuk, Anthony, GBS, JP  
(胡定旭教授)

Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP  
(許美嫦女士)

Dr YEUNG Tai-kong, Deacons  
(楊譚岡醫生)

Prof. LAU Wan-ye, Joseph, SBS  
(劉允怡教授)

Secretary : Miss Suzanne WONG  
(黃素珊女士)

Prof. LEUNG Gabriel Matthew, GBS, JP  
(梁卓偉教授)

Legal Adviser : Mr Edward SHUM  
(岑炳生先生)

Prof. LEUNG Ka-kit, Gilberto  
(梁嘉傑教授)

## Assessors

### Lay Assessors

Mr CHAN Hiu-fung, Nicholas, MH, JP ( 陳曉峰先生 )	Miss LEE Suk-ye, Rosalind ( 李淑儀女士 )
Ms CHENG Hoi-yue, Vivian ( 鄭凱瑜女士 )	Mr LUI Wing-cheung, Kenneth ( 呂永翔先生 )
Ms CHOW Anna M W ( 周敏華女士 )	Ms NG Ka-man, Rendy ( 吳嘉汶女士 )
Ms CHUI Hoi-ye, Heidi ( 徐凱怡女士 )	Mr NG Ting-shan ( 伍庭山先生 )
Ms HO Yuk-wai, Joan ( 何玉慧女士 )	Mr TSANG Kin-ping ( 曾建平先生 )
Mr HUI Cheuk-lun, Lawrence ( 許卓倫先生 )	Mr WONG Ka-kin, Andy ( 黃家健先生 )
Mr HUI Man-kit, Patrick ( 許文傑先生 )	Mr WOO King-hang ( 胡勁恒先生 )
Mr LAI Kwan-ho, Raymond ( 賴君豪先生 )	Ms WU Ka-lai, Cary ( 胡嘉麗女士 )
Mr LAM Ho-yan ( 林浩恩先生 )	Mr YANG Kwong-fai ( 楊光輝先生 )
Ms LAU Sze-wan, Serena, JP ( 劉詩韻女士 )	Mr YEUNG Chi-wai, Edwin, MH ( 楊志偉先生 )
Mr LAW Yu-wing ( 羅裕榮先生 )	Mr YUEN Hon-lam, Joseph ( 袁漢林先生 )
Ms LEE Hong-ye, Connie ( 李匡怡女士 )	

## Medical Assessors

Dr BEH Swan-lip (馬宣立醫生)	Dr LAU Ho-lim (劉浩濂醫生)
Dr CHAN Hung-chiu, Peter (陳洪昭醫生)	Prof. LAU Yu-lung, JP (劉宇隆教授)
Dr CHAN Nim-tak, Douglas (陳念德醫生)	Dr LEUNG Hon-fai, Henry (梁漢輝醫生)
Dr CHAN Pik-kei, Osburga (陳碧姬醫生)	Prof. LEUNG Kai-shun, Christopher (梁啟信教授)
Dr CHENG Chi-kin, Ashley (鄭志堅醫生)	Dr LI Fan-lan, Florence Virginia (李芬蘭醫生)
Dr CHIU Shing-ping, James (趙承平醫生)	Dr LI Wilson (李威儀醫生)
Dr CHOW Wing-sun (周榮新醫生)	Prof. LUI Cho-ze, Joseph (雷操奭教授)
Dr CHOY Chung-ming, Eric (蔡中銘醫生)	Dr LUM Chor-ming, Christopher (林楚明醫生)
Dr CHUNG Wai-hung, Thomas (鍾偉雄醫生)	Dr MOK Chun-keung, Francis (莫俊強醫生)
Dr HAU Kai-ching (侯佳禎醫生)	Dr MOK Pik-tim, Francis (莫碧添醫生)
Prof. HUI Mamie (許明媚教授)	Dr NG Kwok-keung (吳國強醫生)
Prof. KONG Pik-shan, Alice (江碧珊教授)	Dr QUE Tak-lun (郭德麟醫生)
Dr KONG Yim-fai, Albert, MH (江炎輝醫生)	Dr SO Hing-yu (蘇慶餘醫生)
Dr KWOK Kam-hung (郭錦洪醫生)	Prof. SZETO Cheuk-chun (司徒卓俊教授)
Dr KWOK Siu-yin Janette (郭少燕醫生)	Prof. TAN Choon-beng, Kathryn (陳俊明教授)
Dr LAM Ho (林賀醫生)	Dr WAI Yuk-chun, Veronica (韋玉珍醫生)