

Annual Report 2020



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Preface

This annual report, covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020, is the 26th report published by the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Council"). Through this publication, the Council aims to keep members of the medical profession as well as the public better informed of its functions and work during the year.

It should be noted that this report is intended for general information only. For details of the statutory functions of the Council, its committees and inquiry panels, readers should refer to the Medical Registration Ordinance, Cap. 161, Laws of Hong Kong, and its subsidiary legislation.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Council") is empowered under the Medical Registration Ordinance to handle registration and disciplinary regulation of medical practitioners in Hong Kong. To assist in carrying out these functions, the Council Secretariat, which is staffed by the Department of Health, provides executive and secretarial support to the Council. Apart from conducting policy and committee meetings, the Council had, with the support of the Secretariat, processed the following in 2020:
 - (a) 1 015 applications for registration (including 471 applications for full registration, 451 applications for provisional registration, 82 applications for limited registration, and 11 applications for temporary registration);
 - (b) 306 applications for specialist registration;
 - (c) 15 949 applications for renewal of annual practising / retention certificates; and
 - (d) 3 356 disciplinary complaints.
- 1.2 Despite the impacts brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic on the whole community in 2020, the Council remained committed to carrying out its various statutory functions and upholding its motto of "Ensuring Justice, Maintaining Professionalism and Protecting the Public". This year continued to be a very busy one for the Council as evident from the statistics in this report, in particular the significant increase in the number of complaints. The Council continued its efforts to improve the efficiency in complaint handling, particularly in increasing the number of disciplinary inquiries.

2. Membership of the Medical Council and Election held in 2020

- 2.1 The Council comprises 24 medical members and 8 lay members. The composition of the Council is as follows:
 - (a) 2 registered medical practitioners nominated respectively by -
 - University of Hong Kong;
 - The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
 - Hong Kong Academy of Medicine;
 - (b) the Director of Health, or his or her representative, as an ex officio member;
 - (c) the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, or his or her representative, as an ex officio member;
 - (d) 2 registered medical practitioners who are Fellows of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("HKAM") nominated and elected by HKAM;
 - (e) 7 registered medical practitioners who are members of the Hong Kong Medical Association ("HKMA") nominated and elected by HKMA;
 - (f) 7 registered medical practitioners who are ordinarily resident in Hong Kong elected by all registered medical practitioners with full registration or limited registration;
 - (g) 4 lay members appointed by the Chief Executive;
 - (h) 3 lay members elected by patient organizations; and
 - (i) 1 lay member nominated by the Consumer Council.

The Director of Health is the ex officio Registrar of Medical Practitioners.

2.2 The membership of the Council (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Professor LAU Wan-yee, Joseph, SBS (Chairman)

Mrs BIRCH LEE Suk-yee, Sandra, GBS, JP

Dr CHAN Hon-yee, Constance, JP

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

Mr CHAN Wing-kai

Dr CHENG Chi-man

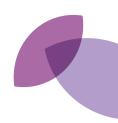
Dr CHEUNG Chin-pang

Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming

Dr CHOI Kin, Gabriel

Professor CHOW Yat-ngok, York, GBS, MBE (from 9 July 2020 onwards)

Dr CHOW Yu-fat



Professor FOK Tai-fai, SBS, JP

Dr HO Hung-kwong, Duncan

Dr HO Pak-leung, JP

Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP

Mr HUNG Hin-ching, Joseph

Dr IP Wing-yuk

Mr KWONG Cho-shing, Antonio, MH

Mr LAM Chi-yau

Dr LAM Tzit-yuen, David

Dr LAU Chor-chiu, GMSM, MH, JP

Dr LEE Wai-hung, Danny

Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu

Dr LO Chi-yuen, Albert

Dr LUNG David Christopher

Mr MUI Cheuk-nang, Kenny

Dr PONG Chiu-fai, Jeffrey, MH

Dr SHEA Tat-ming, Paul

Professor TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP

Dr WAI Yuk-chun, Veronica

Professor WONG Yung-hou, MH

Dr YEUNG Hip-wo, Victor

The Council's Legal Advisers are Mr NG Cheuk-kwan, Stanley and Mr SHUM Ping-sang, Edward and its Secretary is Miss Suzanne WONG.

- 2.3 Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming and Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu were re-elected by the HKMA as members of the Council for a period of 3 years with effect from 24 January 2020.
- 2.4 Dr CHOI Kin, Gabriel and Dr HO Pak-leung, JP, were re-elected as members of the Council for a period of 3 years with effect from 24 January 2020 in the 24th election of medical members of the Council conducted on 17 December 2019.
- 2.5 The 25th election of the Council was conducted on 30 December 2020 to fill 3 vacancies for a period of 3 years with effect from 24 January 2021. The election exercise was carried out smoothly. Dr CHAN Tin-sang, Augustine, Dr CHENG Chi-man and Dr MA Chung-yee, Arisina, with the highest number of votes, were declared to be elected / re-elected.

3. The Preliminary Investigation Committees and Disciplinary Proceedings

- 3.1 The Council's jurisdiction over the professional conduct of registered medical practitioners is laid down in the Medical Registration Ordinance ("MRO") and the Medical Practitioners (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation ("the Regulation").
- 3.2 Disciplinary proceedings may be instituted for situations where a registered medical practitioner has been convicted in Hong Kong or elsewhere of any offence punishable with imprisonment or where there is evidence that a registered medical practitioner has been guilty of misconduct in a professional respect.
- 3.3 For the purpose of providing general guidance to registered medical practitioners as to what may commonly constitute professional misconduct, the Council has published a Code of Professional Conduct ("the Code") (revised in January 2016), and each registered medical practitioner has been given a personal copy of the Code. The Code can also be downloaded from the Council's website.
- 3.4 Complaints against registered medical practitioners touching on matters of professional misconduct are normally either lodged with the Council by individuals or referred to the Council by other bodies such as the Hong Kong Police Force, the Department of Health and the press. In accordance with the established procedures, complaints will be processed through part or all of the following 3 stages:
 - (a) Initial consideration by the Chairman and/or the Deputy Chairman of a Preliminary Investigation Committee ("PIC") to determine whether a complaint should be deliberated at PIC meetings or be referred to the Health Committee ("HC") for consideration. For those complaints which are considered groundless or frivolous and thus cannot or should not proceed further, the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman will consult a lay member of the PIC before a decision is made to dismiss the complaints;
 - (b) Examination at PIC meetings of the complaint as well as explanation of the medical practitioner(s) concerned, and the forming of a decision on whether or not there is a prima facie case to refer the complaint to an inquiry panel ("IP") of the Council for holding an inquiry; and
 - (c) Inquiry by an IP to hear the evidence from both the complainant and the defending registered medical practitioner(s).



3.5 Established under section 20S(1) of the pre-amended MRO, the deemed PIC comprises 7 members, including 6 registered medical practitioners and 1 lay member of the Council. The Chairman of the deemed PIC is assisted by the Deputy Chairman, both of them being elected by the Council from among its members. The membership of the deemed PIC (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Professor FOK Tai-fai, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Dr IP Wing-yuk (Deputy Chairman)

Dr FOO Kam-so, Stephen

Dr MAW Kit-chee, Christina (from 12 February 2020 onwards)

Dr NG Kwok-keung (from 5 July 2020 onwards)

Dr SO Yui-chi

Mrs BIRCH LEE Suk-yee, Sandra, GBS, JP *

Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP *

Mr HUNG Hin-ching, Joseph *

Mr KWONG Cho-shing, Antonio, MH *

3.6 Established under sections 20S(1) and 20S(1A) of the MRO, the new PIC comprises 7 members, including 4 registered medical practitioners and 3 lay persons. The membership of the new PIC (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Dr CHENG Chi-man (Chairman)

Dr FUNG Tak-kwan, James (Deputy Chairman) (from 3 October 2020 onwards)

Dr CHIU Shing-ping, James

Ms CHUI Hoi-yee, Heidi (from 9 September 2020 onwards)

Dr LEE Wai-hung, Danny

Ms NG Ka-man, Rendy

Professor WONG Yung-hou, MH

^{*} serving on a rotational basis, each for a period of 3 months

- - 3.7 Both PICs are tasked to perform the following functions:
 - (a) to make preliminary investigations into complaints or information touching any matter that may be inquired into by an IP or heard by the HC and to give advice on the matter to any registered medical practitioner;
 - (b) to refer a case to an IP for holding an inquiry under section 21 of the MRO;
 - (c) to make recommendations to the HC for conducting a hearing; and
 - (d) to make preliminary investigations upon a referral by the Education and Accreditation Committee.
 - 3.8 Section 9 of the Regulation states that unless a complaint case is found to be frivolous or groundless and should not proceed further or is referred to the HC for a hearing, it is mandatory for the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman of the PIC to direct that the case be referred to the PIC for its consideration (i.e. stage (b) stated in paragraph 3.4 above).
 - 3.9 In the past, when a complaint case proceeded into the PIC stage, the doctor under complaint would be notified of the receipt of the complaint by way of a PIC Notice. He/she would be invited to make representation, if any, to the particulars of complaint stated in the PIC Notice before the PIC met to discuss the case concerned. Following the comments of the judge in Law Yiu Wai Ray v Medical Council of Hong Kong (HCAL 46/2015), refined measures have been adopted since 2016 with regard to the processing of complaint cases at the PIC stage.
 - 3.10 Specifically, the doctor under complaint will be notified of the receipt of the complaint by the PIC and be provided with a copy of such complaint. The doctor will also be informed that the PIC will meet for the first time to consider the complaint. However, he/she is not required to give any explanation at this stage. At its first meeting to consider a complaint case, the PIC may either dismiss the complaint case or decide to seek explanation / clarification from the doctor under complaint to facilitate its making of a decision¹ on the complaint case. In the latter scenario, the PIC will inform the doctor of the allegations or disciplinary charges against him / her (if any) and invite him / her to provide a written explanation in response. The above refined measures aim at expediting the process of handling complaint cases by streamlining the procedures so involved and keeping it in compliance with the law. It is hoped that the refined measures will assure and promote the professional competency of doctors in Hong Kong and uphold the principle of professional self-regulation.

The duty of the PIC is to decide only whether a complaint case should be referred to an IP for inquiry. It is not empowered to pass judgment or sentence.



- 3.11 In 2020, the Council received a total of 3 356 complaints. <u>Table 1</u> shows the nature of complaints. Comparative figures for the years 2016 to 2020 are shown in the same table. As reflected in the figures, the number of complaints received by the Council had drastically increased since 2019. The trend continued in 2020, and the number of complaints in two categories "Disregard of professional responsibility to patients" and "Other issues unrelated to professional responsibility", totalling 3 176, accounted for nearly 95% of the total complaints received.
- 3.12 Among the 3 356 cases received in 2020, 126 were dismissed jointly by Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the new PIC in consultation with a lay member as being frivolous or groundless. **Table 2** shows the nature of these complaints. Another 8 cases could not be pursued further because the complainants were anonymous without providing any contact method, had withdrawn the complaints, or had failed to provide further information or statutory declaration. A total of 74 cases were referred to the new PIC for consideration, out of which 3 were dismissed, 19 were subsequently recommended to the Council for no disciplinary inquiry / restoration inquiry, 1 was referred to disciplinary inquiry by an IP, and for the rest 51 cases, the PIC had yet to reach a decision as further information from the parties concerned (e.g. complainants, doctors or experts) was required. The remaining 3 148 cases were being considered by the Chairman and/or the Deputy Chairman of the new PIC in consultation with a lay member.
- 3.13 **Table 3** shows the decisions of the PICs on the cases considered. In 2020, a total of 386 cases, received in 2020 or before, were considered by the PICs. Among the 386 cases, 105 and 281 cases were considered by the deemed PIC and the new PIC respectively.
- 3.14 Tables 4a and 4b provide a closer look into the PICs' work in 2020 regarding cases to which the PICs had made final decisions. For the deemed PIC, decisions were made to 105 cases at its monthly meetings. Of these 105 cases, 77 were dismissed, 21 were referred to an IP for disciplinary inquiry and 7 were recommended to the Council for no disciplinary inquiry. As regards the new PIC, decisions were made to 281 cases at its monthly meetings. Among these 281 cases, 200 were dismissed, 32 were referred to an IP or the Council for disciplinary / restoration inquiry and 49 were recommended to the Council for no disciplinary / restoration / pre-registration inquiry.

- - 3.15 The majority of complaints did not reach the inquiry stage because there was insufficient evidence to show a reasonable prospect for the doctors under complaint to be found guilty of misconduct in a professional respect. Some others could not be pursued further due to a lack of supporting evidence, withdrawal of complaints by the complainants or the complainants being unwilling to testify. There were also some complaints which in fact touched on civil claims of professional negligence or compensation. These cases should be dealt with in civil proceedings and the complainants were so advised accordingly. As a considerable number of the complaints were related to doctors' communication skills and attitude falling short of the expectation of the patients, a practice of informing the doctors concerned of the dismissed complaints for their attention and improvement had been adopted in the PIC stage since December 2012.
 - 3.16 Given the huge number of outstanding complaint cases, the Council decided at its Policy Meeting held on 7 October 2020 the formation of a third PIC in early 2021. In addition to deciding to set up additional PICs and forming more IPs, the Council had expanded the pool of lay assessors and medical assessors in order to improve the complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism.

3.17 An IP consists of:

- (a) 3 registered medical practitioners each of whom is (i) a member of the Council; or (ii) a medical assessor; and
- (b) 2 lay persons each of whom is (i) a lay member of the Council; or (ii) a lay assessor.

Lay assessors and medical assessors are appointed by the Council under sections 20BB and 20BC of the MRO respectively. The lists of lay assessors and medical assessors (as at 31 December 2020) were as follows:

Lay assessors

Mr CHAN Hiu-fung, Nicholas, MH, JP

Ms CHENG Hoi-yue, Vivian (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Ms CHOW Anna M W (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Ms CHUI Hoi-yee, Heidi

Ms HO Yuk-wai, Joan (from 4 November 2020 onwards)



Mr HUI Cheuk-lun, Lawrence

Mr HUI Man-kit, Patrick (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Mr KAN Pak-him, Christopher

Mr LAI Kwan-ho, Raymond (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Mr LAI Yat-hin, Adrian

Ms LAU Sze-wan, Serena, JP (from 9 September 2020 onwards)

Mr LAW Yu-wing (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Ms LEE Hong-yee, Connie (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Mr LUI Wing-cheung, Kenneth (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Ms NG Ka-man, Rendy

Mr NG Ting-shan

Mr TSANG Kin-ping (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Mr WONG Ka-kin, Andy (from 9 September 2020 onwards)

Mr WOO King-hang

Ms WU Ka-lai, Cary (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Mr YANG Kwong-fai (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Mr YEUNG Chi-wai, Edwin, MH (from 4 November 2020 onwards)

Mr YUEN Hon-lam, Joseph (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Medical assessors

Dr AU-YEUNG Kam-chuen, Sidney

Dr BEH Swan-lip (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr CHAN Hung-chiu, Peter (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr CHAN Nim-tak, Douglas

Professor CHAN Anthony Tak-cheung

Dr CHENG Chi-kin, Ashley (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr CHIU Shing-ping, James



Professor CHU Kent-man

Dr FUNG Ho-wang

Dr FUNG Tak-kwan, James

Dr HAU Kai-ching (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Professor KONG Pik-shan, Alice (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr KONG Yim-fai, Albert, MH (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr LAM Ho (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr LAU Ho-lim (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Professor LAU Yu-lung, JP (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Professor LEUNG Kai-shun, Christopher (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr LI Fan-lan, Florence Virginia (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr Ll Mun-pik, Teresa

Dr LUM Chor-ming, Christopher (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr MAK Siu-king

Dr MOK Pik-tim, Francis

Dr NG Kwok-keung (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr QUE Tak-lun (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Dr SO Hing-yu (from 8 January 2020 onwards)

Professor TAN Choon-beng, Kathryn

Professor WONG Wing-kin, Gary

Dr WONG Yee-him, John

Dr YAM Kwong-yui

Dr YEUNG Chiu-fat, Henry

3.18 Most of the defendant doctors are legally represented. The Secretary of the Council, who is represented by a Government Counsel of the Department of Justice, is responsible for presenting evidence to substantiate the disciplinary charges. The complainant seldom needs to engage his/her own lawyer to present the case in a disciplinary inquiry.



- 3.19 To deal with any legal issues raised at disciplinary inquiries, an IP is assisted throughout the hearing by one of the two Legal Advisers to the Council.
- 3.20 In the case *Medical Council of Hong Kong v Helen Chan* (FACV 13/2009), the Court of Final Appeal in May 2010 held that the Legal Adviser's (i) presence at the Council's private deliberations and (ii) drafting of the Council's decisions in disciplinary inquiries not only are lawful, but also contribute to safeguarding the defendant's constitutional right to hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal. In view of the Court of Final Appeal's decision, the Council decided in June 2010 to resume the former practice of inviting the Legal Adviser (i) to be present during the Council's deliberations in disciplinary inquiries and (ii) to draft the Council's judgments on the basis of the Council's decisions, findings and reasoning.
- 3.21 The Legal Adviser does not take part in the IP's deliberations or decision making. He only gives legal advice to the IP and informs the parties of any legal advice given during the IP's private deliberations. He will also draft the judgment on the basis of the IP's decisions, findings and reasoning. The IP will thoroughly scrutinize the draft and modify it where necessary in order to ensure that the judgment says what the IP means.
- 3.22 It should also be stressed that, before any registered medical practitioner is found guilty of any disciplinary offence, the offence has to be proved to the required standard by the evidence put before the IP. The standard of proof which applies in each case has to be commensurate with the gravity of the offence charged.
- 3.23 If a registered medical practitioner is found guilty of a disciplinary offence after an inquiry, he/she will face one or more of the following disciplinary sanctions:
 - removal from the General or Specialist Register;
 - removal from the General or Specialist Register for such period as the IP may think fit;
 - reprimand;
 - suspended application of any of the above for a period not exceeding 3 years, subject to any conditions the IP may think fit; or
 - warning letter.

- - 3.24 <u>Table 5</u> shows the number of disciplinary inquiries conducted in 2020. A total of 60 cases (including 4 cases to be carried forward to 2021) were heard in the year of 2020. In 48 of the 56 completed cases (85.7%), the registered medical practitioners concerned were found guilty. The more prominent cases were related to the registered medical practitioners' disregard of professional responsibilities to patients.
 - 3.25 A registered medical practitioner aggrieved by the disciplinary order of the IP has a right in law to appeal to the Court of Appeal. **Table 6** shows the number of appeals against the disciplinary orders in the years from 2016 to 2020. A total of 3 appeals had been lodged with the Court of Appeal in 2020.

4. The Licentiate Committee and the Licensing Examination of Medical Council



- 4.1 The Licentiate Committee ("LC") established by the Council is responsible for administering and running the Licensing Examination for non-local medical graduates.
- 4.2 The Licensing Examination was introduced to replace the Licentiate Scheme with effect from 1 September 1996. Upon passing the examination and completion of the period of assessment, a person will be qualified for full registration as a registered medical practitioner.
- 4.3 The Licensing Examination is held twice annually starting from 2014 and it consists of 3 parts:

Part I

Examination in Professional Knowledge – consisting of 2 multiple-choice question papers, set in both Chinese and English, on professional subjects including medicine, surgery, orthopaedic surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, psychiatry, medical ethics / community medicine and basic sciences.

Part II

Proficiency Test in Medical English – a written professional English paper to test candidates' proficiency in medical English.

Part III

Clinical Examination – an examination to test candidates' ability to apply professional knowledge to solve clinical problems, in which candidates will be examined in medicine, surgery (including cases on orthopaedic surgery), obstetrics and gynaecology, and paediatrics. Candidates may answer in English, Cantonese or Putonghua.

- 4.4 Candidates who have passed all 3 parts of the Licensing Examination will normally be required to undergo a 12-month period of assessment in hospitals accredited by the Committee on Internship of the Hospital Authority. During this period, an intern will work under supervision in the following disciplines:
 - Medicine
 - Surgery
 - Orthopaedics and Traumatology
 - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
 - Paediatrics
 - Oncology / Psychiatry / Intensive Care
 - Neurosurgery / Otorhinolaryngology / Ophthalmology
 - Emergency Medicine / Family Medicine

- - 4.5 To attract more non-locally trained doctors to serve in Hong Kong, the Council has relaxed the requirements regarding the period of assessment. Applicants who have passed the Licensing Examination and have a specialist qualification may apply to the Council for exemption from assessment of the relevant specialty. Under this arrangement, the period of assessment can be shortened from 1 year to 6 months. In addition, applicants who fulfil the abovementioned criteria and have completed a period of full-time employment for 3 years or more as a medical practitioner with any of the institutions designated under Promulgation No. 2 of limited registration may apply for reducing the period of assessment generally to 1 to 3 days.
 - 4.6 The membership of the LC (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming (Chairman)

Dr CHAN Kit-sheung

Dr KONG Wing-ming

Dr LAM Wing-wo

Professor LAU Yu-lung, JP

Professor LEE Ho-fun, Victor (from 7 August 2020 onwards)

Dr Ll Mun-pik, Teresa

Professor NG Kwok-wai, Enders

Professor SZETO Cheuk-chun

Dr YEUNG Tai-kong, Deacons

- 4.7 To discharge the respective functions of the LC, a total of 5 Sub-Committees have been set up:
 - (a) Examination Sub-Committee
 - responsible for conducting the Licensing Examination and certifying passes and failures in the examination
 - the membership (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Professor SZETO Cheuk-chun (Chairman)

Dr CHAN Kar-loen, Karen

Professor CHEUNG Yiu-fai

Professor HUNG Ivan Fan-ngai

Professor KHOO Ui-soon



Professor LANG Hung-hin, Brian

Professor LEUNG Frankie Ka-li

Professor LEUNG Tak-yeung

Professor LI Albert Martin

Dr Ll Mun-pik, Teresa

Professor LUK On-yan, Andrea

Professor NG Kwok-wai, Enders

Professor TSE Man-kit, Gary

Professor YUNG Shu-hang, Patrick, JP

(b) Internship Sub-Committee

- responsible for the assessment and supervision of interns during the period of assessment
- the membership (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Professor LAU Yu-lung, JP (Chairman)

Professor CHAN Chi-fung, Godfrey

Professor CHIM Chor-sang, James

Dr CHUNG Wai-hung, Thomas (from 15 December 2020 onwards)

Professor HUI Shu-cheong, David, BBS

Professor KUMTA Shekhar Madhukar

Professor LAI Bo-san, Paul

Professor LANG Hung-hin, Brian

Professor LEUNG Ting-fan

Professor NG Hung-yu, Ernest

Professor NG Kwok-wai, Enders

Dr TAM Wing-hung (from 1 January 2020 onwards)

Dr WONG Ming-yan, Sharon

Dr WONG Tin-chun, Gordon

Dr YAU Wai-pan

(c) Credentials Sub-Committee

- responsible for considering and determining the eligibility of the applicants for sitting the Licensing Examination
- the membership (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Professor LEE Ho-fun, Victor (Chairman) (from 26 August 2020 onwards)

Professor CHAN Lik-yuen, Henry

Dr CHIANG Kwok-shing, Alan

Dr CHUNG Wai-hung, Thomas

Professor LAM Chiu-wa, Linda

Dr LAM Ming

Professor LEUNG Gilberto Ka-kit

Dr NG Chi-ho

Dr ZHU Xian-lun

(d) Exemptions Sub-Committee

- responsible for considering and determining applications for exemption from various parts of the Licensing Examination and part of the period of assessment
 - the membership (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Professor NG Kwok-wai, Enders (Chairman)

Dr CHAN Yiu-che

Dr CHOI Mei-yee, Sarah, JP

Dr LAM Ho

Professor LAU Yu-lung, JP

Professor LEE Ho-fun, Victor (from 26 August 2020 onwards)

Professor LEUNG Ting-fan

Professor SZETO Cheuk-chun

Dr TSUI Sik-hon



(e) Review Sub-Committee

- responsible for considering and determining applications for review from candidates aggrieved by the decisions of other sub-committees regarding the examination and/or period of assessment
- the membership (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Mr Erik SHUM (Chairman)

Dr YEUNG Chiu-fat, Henry (from 1 January 2020 onwards)

Professor Leung Yu-hung, Anskar

Professor LI Albert Martin

Dr FUNG Ying (from 25 January 2020 onwards)

Dr NGUYEN Gia-hung, Desmond

- 4.8 Apart from the LC and its Sub-Committees which oversee the overall operation of the Licensing Examination, the administrative and operational work of the examination are also shouldered by The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") and the University of Hong Kong ("HKU"). CUHK and HKU assist in the planning, implementation and administration and final delivery of the Licensing Examination with the support of the Hospital Authority in providing examiners, patients, venues, facilities and logistics. They also provide chief examiners for all parts of the Licensing Examination and invite overseas examiners for the Clinical Examination to ensure the quality and standard of the examination.
- 4.9 Details of the results of the Licensing Examination since 1996 are shown in **Table 7**.
- 4.10 In view of the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council, on the recommendation of the LC, decided to cancel the two sittings of the Licensing Examination originally scheduled for 2020 for the sake of public health and safety and with a view to upholding the standard of the Licensing Examination. The Council and the LC will keep in view the situation and will actively explore the possibility of resuming the Licensing Examination in 2021 in consultation with the two local universities and the Hospital Authority.

5. The Education and Accreditation Committee

- 5.1 The Education and Accreditation Committee ("EAC") established by the Council has the following functions:
 - to determine, upon the recommendation of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("HKAM"), the specialties under which names of registered medical practitioners may be included in the Specialist Register;
 - (b) to recommend to the Council, on the recommendation of the HKAM, the qualification, experience and any other attributes that qualify a registered medical practitioner to have his or her name included in the Specialist Register under a particular specialty;
 - (c) to recommend to the Council the procedures, documentations and fees payable for including the name of a registered medical practitioner in the Specialist Register;
 - (d) to recommend and review the standard and structure of undergraduate medical education and medical training required for a person to become a registered medical practitioner;
 - (e) to recommend to the Council whether the name of a registered medical practitioner should be included in or removed from the Specialist Register; and
 - (f) to make recommendations to an inquiry panel on a referral under section 20Y(a) of the Medical Registration Ordinance.
- 5.2 The membership of the EAC (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Professor TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Dr CHOW Yu-fat

Professor HUNG Chi-tim, JP

Professor HUNG Ivan Fan-ngai

Dr LAM Nai-man

Dr LAU Chor-chiu, GMSM, MH, JP

Dr LUK Hung-to, Danny

Dr PONG Chiu-fai, Jeffrey, MH

Dr TONG Kai-sing

Professor WING Yun-kwok

Dr WONG Tin-chun, Gordon

Professor WONG Yeung-shan, Samuel (from 6 February 2020 onwards)

Dr YEUNG Hip-wo, Victor



- 5.3 The Specialist Register was established in 1998 to provide for specialist registration of registered medical practitioners qualified in various specialties. There were 61 specialties as at 31 December 2020. On the recommendation of the EAC, the Council approved 306 applications of registered medical practitioners for inclusion of their names in the Specialist Register in 2020.
- 5.4 The Council strives to encourage registered medical practitioners to undergo continuing medical education ("CME") to keep themselves up-to-date on current developments in medical practice, so as to maintain a high professional standard and to protect the public. While it is a statutory requirement for specialists to undergo such CME relevant to their specialties as determined by the HKAM, the Council has implemented the voluntary "CME Programme for Practising Doctors who are not taking CME Programme for Specialists" ("the Programme") since 1 October 2001. As at 31 December 2020, there were over 2 700 medical practitioners whose names were not included in the Specialist Register participating in the Programme.
- 5.5 Under the Programme, participating medical practitioners who have accumulated 30 or more CME points in a year within the 3-year CME cycle will be awarded a CME certificate to certify that they have achieved a satisfactory level of CME activity during that particular period. The CME certificate can be displayed inside the medical practitioner's clinic. Since the implementation of the Programme and up to 31 December 2020, the Council had, on the recommendation of the EAC, issued 27 467 CME certificates to the participating medical practitioners.
- 5.6 Besides, participating medical practitioners who have acquired 90 or more CME points in a CME cycle will be given approval to use the title "CME-Certified" on their visiting cards during the immediately following CME cycle. As at 31 December 2020, there were 1 239 medical practitioners holding valid "CME-Certified" title.
- 5.7 In view of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Council decided, on the recommendation of the EAC, that with effect from 1 April 2020, online CME activities could be organized by CME Programme Providers and accredited by CME Programme Accreditors subject to compliance with the Guidelines on Conduct of Online CME Activities published on the website of the Council.
- 5.8 The Council will keep the Programme under constant review and will liaise closely with the CME Programme Providers for providing more CME activities and for facilitating participation in the activities.

- - 5.9 The EAC is also responsible for scrutinizing applications for quotability of qualifications and recommending to the Council whether a particular qualification may be quoted on signboards, letterheads and visiting cards, etc. In 2020, the Council considered the recommendations of the EAC on a total of 14 qualifications. Of these 14 qualifications, 9 were regarded as having fulfilled the prevailing guidelines and were included in the "List of Quotable Qualifications" with the endorsement of the Council.
 - 5.10 The "Rules on Quotable Appointments" ("QA Rules") and the "Guidelines on Quotability of Appointments by Private Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Maternity Homes and Medical Clinics" were implemented by the Council with effect from 1 December 2014. The purpose of the QA Rules is to ensure that the patients and the public will be protected from misleading information. Under the QA Rules, appointments made by the Hospital Authority, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the University of Hong Kong and the Department of Health are quotable by registered medical practitioners in their medical practice. As for a private hospital, nursing home, maternity home or medical clinic, it has to satisfy the Council that it has an established and objective system of offering appointments which is acceptable to the Council before its appointments are quotable. The names of the 14 institutions with their appointment systems accepted by the Council and their approved quotable appointments are included in the "List of Quotable Appointments by Private Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Maternity Homes and Medical Clinics accepted under the Rules on Quotable Appointments" published on the Council's website.
 - 5.11 With the enactment of the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance ("PHFO") (Cap. 633) providing for a new regulatory regime for private healthcare facilities, including private hospitals, day procedure centres, clinics and health services establishments, the Council decided, on the recommendation of the EAC, to revise the QA Rules to cover private healthcare facilities licensed under the PHFO with effect from 1 January 2021. Under the revised QA Rules, the appointment of Chief Medical Executive by a private healthcare facility is quotable. If a private healthcare facility would like to apply for quotability of other appointments made by it, it has to apply to the Council for acceptance of its appointment system and quotability of such appointments.

6. The Ethics Committee and the Code of Professional Conduct



- 6.1 The Ethics Committee ("EC") established by the Council has the following functions:
 - to study and review any case relating to medical ethics or professional conduct, either on its own motion or at the request in writing of not less than 20 registered medical practitioners;
 - (b) to advise and make recommendations to the Council on matters about medical ethics and professional conduct generally; and
 - (c) to make recommendations to an inquiry panel on a referral under section 20Y(a) of the Medical Registration Ordinance.
- 6.2 The membership of the EC (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu (Chairman)

Dr CHAN Hau-ngai, Kingsley

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

Dr HO Hok-kung

Dr HO Pak-leung, JP

Mr KWONG Cho-sing, Antonio, MH

Dr LAM Tzit-yuen, David

Mr MA Siu-leung, BBS, MH

Dr TSE Chun-yan, MH

Dr WAI Yuk-chun, Veronica

Dr WONG Grace Josephine Wing-san

Professor WONG Yung-hou, MH

- 6.3 The Council, on the recommendation of the EC, renewed its approval for the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association to continue to publish the doctors directory of its members and approved the Food and Health Bureau to publish a doctors sub-directory under the Primary Care Directory.
- 6.4 The EC was reviewing some sections of the Code with a view to providing clearer guidelines to medical practitioners, and would make recommendations to the Council for consideration where appropriate.

7. The Health Committee

- 7.1 The Health Committee ("HC") established by the Council deals with the health aspect of medical practitioners whose fitness to practise medicine is called into question. It acts in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Medical Practitioners (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation.
- 7.2 The functions of the HC are as follows:
 - (a) to conduct a hearing into any case or matter concerning the health or physical or mental fitness to practise of any registered medical practitioner, whether or not the case or matter has been investigated by a Preliminary Investigation Committee or inquired into by an inquiry panel;
 - (b) to conduct a hearing into cases referred to it by an inquiry panel under section 20Y(a) or 21(1)(ivb) of the Medical Registration Ordinance;
 - (c) to make a recommendation to the Council, after due hearing conducted under paragraph (a) or (b) above, that the name of a registered medical practitioner be removed from the General Register permanently or for any period not exceeding 12 months, and that such an order for removal be suspended subject to such conditions as recommended by the HC, where appropriate; and
 - (d) to recommend the extension, not exceeding 12 months, of a period of temporary removal of name recommended under paragraph (c) above.
- 7.3 The membership of the HC (as at 31 December 2020) was as follows:

Dr SHEA Tat-ming, Paul (Chairman)

Dr CHEUNG Chin-pang

Dr HUNG Bing-kei, Gabriel

Dr LAM Hiu-ha, Debby (from 7 February 2020 onwards)

Dr LEE Siu-yin, Ruby, JP

Dr LO Chi-yuen, Albert

Dr LO See-kit, Raymond

Dr MAK Siu-king (from 24 January 2020 onwards)

Mr MUI Cheuk-nang, Kenny (from 7 February 2020 onwards)

Dr SO King-woon, Alan (from 12 February 2020 onwards)

Mr WOO King-hang

7.4 In April 2020, the HC held a hearing to consider a case relating to fitness to practise of a registered medical practitioner which was referred by the new Preliminary Investigation Committee in November 2019. The registered medical practitioner concerned was subsequently found physically and mentally fit to practise.



8. Registration of Medical Practitioners

- 8.1 As at 31 December 2020, there were 15 298 registered medical practitioners with full registration. This figure included those resident in Hong Kong and those on the non-resident list. Table 8 shows that there had been an increase in the number of registered medical practitioners from 14 013 in 2016 to 15 298 in 2020 (9.17%). In addition to the 15 298 registered medical practitioners with full registration, there were 128 registered medical practitioners with limited registration, among whom 20 were permitted to work in the exempted clinics.
- 8.2 Keeping the entries in the General Register and the Specialist Register up-to-date has been a major task for the Council Secretariat. Hundreds of transactions are carried out weekly, including changes in registered address or personal particulars, removal from and restoration to the Registers, transfer to and from the resident and the non-resident lists respectively, issue of Certificates of Good Standing and Certificates Verifying Registration, etc.
- 8.3 <u>Table 9</u> sets out the number of registration cases in respect of various parts of the General Register, including "full", "provisional", "limited" and "temporary" registration as well as cases of restoration to the General Register from 2011 to 2020.
- 8.4 A registered medical practitioner whose name has been removed from the General Register, whether as a consequence of disciplinary proceedings or otherwise, may apply to the Council for restoration of his/her name to the General Register. The Council may hold an inquiry to decide whether to grant or refuse the application. As shown in **Table 9**, 8 such applications were approved in 2020.
- 8.5 Every year, the Council Secretariat has to conduct a large-scale exercise of renewal of practising and retention certificates for all registered medical practitioners. With the increase in the number of registered medical practitioners, the number of annual practising and retention certificates issued had also risen from 13 525 in 2016 to 15 949 in 2020, representing an increase of 17.9%.
- 8.6 As at 31 December 2020, there were 7 661 registered medical practitioners registered on the Specialist Register under 61 specialties. The number of registered medical practitioners registered under each specialty is set out in **Table 10**.

9. Communication with Medical Practitioners and the Public

9.1 In order to disseminate information to all medical practitioners, the Council would publish a newsletter on a regular basis. The composition of the editorial board is as follows:

Professor LAU Wan-yee, Joseph, SBS (Chairman)

Dr CHENG Chi-man

Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming

Professor FOK Tai-fai, SBS, JP

Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu

Dr SHEA Tat-ming, Paul

Professor TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP

Secretary of the Council

The 27th issue of the newsletter was published in December 2020.

- 9.2 The Council has published the following information on the website (www.mchk.org.hk) for reference by registered medical practitioners and members of the public:
 - (a) Medical Registration Ordinance;
 - (b) Membership and functions of the Council and its committees;
 - (c) Registration requirements and application forms for registration;
 - (d) List of registered medical practitioners on the General Register and the Specialist Register;
 - (e) List of doctors directories approved by the Council;
 - (f) Licensing Examination;
 - (g) Code of Professional Conduct;
 - (h) Guidelines and information for registered medical practitioners;
 - (i) Complaints and disciplinary inquiries;
 - (j) Quotable qualifications;
 - (k) Quotable appointments;
 - (I) CME Programme for Practising Doctors who are not taking CME Programme for Specialists;
 - (m) Elections of the Medical Council
 - (n) Publications and press releases; and
 - (o) Useful links.



10. Future Developments

- 10.1 With the implementation of the various new arrangements by the Council upon the enactment of the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2018, the efficiency of the complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism has been improved since then. It is expected that with the formation of the third Preliminary Investigation Committee in early 2021, the Council could cope with the increased number of complaints more expeditiously. The Council will review the arrangements from time to time for continuous enhancement.
- 10.2 Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in the conduct of the Licensing Examination, the Council will assess the on-going infection situation and will take every necessary measure with a view to resuming the examination as soon as possible.

TABLE 1

Complaints received by the Medical Council

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Nu	mber of Complaints Received	628*	496	639*	3 286*	3 356*
(A)	Allegations by category					
1.	Conviction in Court (a) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs (b) Others	53 <i>(3)</i> <i>(50)</i>	57 (2) (55)	55 <i>(2)</i> <i>(53)</i>	47 (0) (47)	58 (0) (58)
2.	Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	330	321	446	438	243#
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



		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(B)	Progress of complaints as at 31 December 2020					
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:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) 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
 - (d) 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:
 - (a) Failure / unsatisfactory result of treatment / surgery, failure to properly / timely diagnose illness and disagreement with doctor's medical opinion 85 cases
 - (b) Conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery 45 cases
 - (c) Inappropriate prescription of drugs 45 cases
 - (d) Doctor's unprofessional attitude / Doctor-patient communication 22 cases
 - (e) Failure to give proper medical advice / explanation 17 cases
 - (f) 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

	Nature of Complaints	No. of Cases
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:	126



TABLE 3

Work of the PICs of the Medical Council

Nature		2016	2017	2018	2019		2020	
					Deemed PIC	New PIC	Deemed PIC	New PIC
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:

N	lo.	of	Case	98
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	Deeme	d PIC	New PIC	
(a) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients		76		147
 inappropriate prescription of drugs 	13		25	
 conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery 	34		54	
 failure to properly / timely diagnose illness 	14		19	
 doctor's unprofessional attitude / doctor-patient communication 	1		14	
 failure / unsatisfactory results of treatment / surgery 	10		13	
 failure to give proper medical advice / explanation 	1		9	
 disagreement with doctor's medical opinion 	_		10	
other treatment-related issues	3		3	
(b) Conviction in court		7		53
(c) Practice promotion / Misleading, unapproved description and		6		15
announcement				
(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
Total:		105		281

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

No. of Cases

	Deeme	ed PIC	New PIC	
(A) Recommended for no disciplinary inquiry				
 Conviction in court careless driving driving / using an unregistered vehicle and using vehicle without insurance left-driving expressway: restriction on vehicles using right most lane (by holder of probationary driving licence) littering from vehicles (against owner) overseas conviction: driving a vehicle carelessly causing injury riding as passenger in rear seat of public light bus not securely fastened with seat belt 	7 - - - -	7	41 1 1 1 1	46
(B) Recommended for no restoration inquiry				
Conviction in court • overseas conviction: criminal damage to a car	_	_	1	1
(C) Recommended for no pre-registration inquiry				
Conviction in court • careless driving • riding / driving on a footpath		-	1 1	2
(D) Recommended for disciplinary inquiry				
 (a) Conviction in court indecent assault murder overseas conviction: violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"), money laundering, and conspiracy to commit the same selling drug not of the quality demanded by the purchaser 		-	1 1 1	4
 (b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery failure to give proper medical advice / explanation failure to properly / timely diagnose illness failure / unsatisfactory results of treatment / surgery inappropriate prescription of drugs 	7 1 1 2 3	14	4 - 1 - 6	11



No. of Cases

	Deemed PIC	New PIC
(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
(E) Recommended for restoration inquiry		
Disregard of professional responsibility to patients conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery failure to properly / timely diagnose illness inappropriate prescription of drugs 	_	3 1 1 1
Total:	28	81
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TABLE 4a

Work statistics of the deemed PIC of the Medical Council in 2020

		Quarter					
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	Total		
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					
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	Total		
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).

Disciplinary inquiries conducted in 2020

Nature	No. of cases involved	Decision
(A) Conviction in court		
(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)
Sub-total:	10	
(B) Disregard of professional	(3)	Warning letter (not gazetted)
responsibility to patients	(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)	1st Defendant Removal from GR for 2 months (suspended for 24 months) 2nd Defendant Removal from GR for 2 months
	(1)	1st Defendant Removal from GR for 2 months (suspended for 12 months) 2nd Defendant Removal from GR for 4 months (suspended for 24 months)



Nature	No. of cases involved	Decision
	(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
Sub-total:	35	
(C) Issue misleading restrainers forms / medical examination forms in residential care home for the elderly	(1)	1st Defendant Warning letter (not gazetted) 2nd Defendant Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 6 months) 3rd Defendant Removal from GR for 1 month (suspended for 6 months) 4th Defendant Warning letter (not gazetted) 5th Defendant Removal from GR for 1 month 6th Defendant Warning letter (not gazetted)
Sub-total:	1	
(D) Issue misleading / false medical certificates	(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
Sub-total:	2	
(E) Practice Promotion / Quotable	(1)	Reprimanded
Qualification	(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)
Sub-total:	12	
Total	60	

Total: _____60

Figures on appeal cases

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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
Total no. of appeal cases in progress in the year:	0	2	4	2	3

No. of appeal cases concluded in 2020: 0



Results of the Licensing Examination

	Year P		Examination in Professional Knowledge		Proficiency Test in Medical English (March)		Proficiency Test in Medical English (September)			Clinical Examination			Completed Period of	
		Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	Assessment
	1996	154	11	7	-	-	-	140	88	63	40	12	30	
	1997	178	13	7	15	12	80	90	48	53	27	9	33	11
	1998	165	43	26	7	7	100	51	43	84	49	17	35	6
	1999	165	20	12	5	4	80	57	39	68	49	9	18	16
	2000	132	13	10	1	0	0	48	28	58	42	10	24	10
	2001	124	13	10	*	_	-	50	37	74	35	9	26	10
	2002	104	11	11	*	_	-	31	13	42	33	13	39	7
	2003	76	11	14	*	_	-	30	26	87	27	7	26	9
	2004	77	7	9	*	_	-	20	13	65	21	9	43	7
	2005	81	11	14	*	_	-	29	22	76	22	5	23	10
	2006	105	21	20	*	_	-	36	29	81	26	9	35	5
	2007	117	22	19	*	_	-	34	33	97	37	18	49	8
	2008	138	12	9	*	-	-	38	25	66	23	8	35	9
	2009	158	41	26	*	_	-	39	22	56	48	15	31	12
	2010	168	43	26	*	_	-	65	64	98	72	21	29	11
	2011	221	51	23	*	_	-	54	50	93	76	21	28	15
	2012	237	61	26	*	_	-	74	67	91	108	47	44	23
	2013	280	102	36	*	_	-	115	103	90	143	46	32	27
2014	(1st Sitting)	107	25	23	28	22	79	-	_	-	85	46	54	48
2014	(2 nd Sitting)	200	35	18	_	_	_	77	58	75	70	28	40	40
2015	(1st Sitting)	121	18	15	42	30	71	-	_	-	62	24	39	79
2015	(2 nd Sitting)	176	41	23	_	_	-	56	50	89	66	16	24	19
2016	(1st Sitting)	163	22	13	60	57	95	-	_	-	68	14	21	15
2010	(2 nd Sitting)	132	14	11	_	_	-	37	33	89	64	27	42	45
2017	(1st Sitting)	109	31	28	45	40	89	-	_	-	63	27	43	37
2011	(2 nd Sitting)	116	29	25	_	_	-	44	44	100	63	26	41	O1
2018	(1st Sitting)	122	24	20	52	48	92	-	-	-	54	25	46	52
2010	(2 nd Sitting)	117	40	34	_	_	-	56	46	82	56	26	46	JZ
2019	(1st Sitting)	145	53	37	80	58	73	-	-	-	70	21	30	41
2013	(2 nd Sitting)	124	18	15	-	_	-	69	61	88	70	32	46	71
2020 (1st Sitting) (2nd Sitting)		-			C	Cancelled du	ie to the	COVID-	19 pandem	ic				58

^{*} suspended from 2001 to 2013

Total number of registered medical practitioners in the General Register of Hong Kong

Part I of the Register (Full registration) (as at 31 December)

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
On the Resident List		13 298	13 602	13 986	14 361	14 704
On the Non-resident List		715	688	665	643	594
	Total:	14 013	14 290	14 651	15 004	15 298

Part III of the Register (Limited registration) (as at 31 December)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Promulgation No. 2 University of Hong Kong The Chinese University of Hong Kong Hospital Authority Department of Health	93 (27) (52) (14) (0)	110 (48) (48) (14) (0)	92 (30) (50) (12) (0)	125 (41) (57) (24) (3)	102 (25) (38) (33) (6)
Promulgation No. 3	27	22	22	21	20
Promulgation No. 4	12	10	9	8	6
Promulgation No. 9	2	2	0	0	0
Promulgation No. 10	0	0	1	0	0
Promulgation No. 12	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	134	144	124	154	128

Remarks:

The types of employment as described in Promulgations No. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 no longer exist.



Breakdown of registrations and restoration to the General Register

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Registration in Part I of the Register (Full registration)	281	260	274	299	397	379	378	472	476	471
Registration in Part II of the Register (Provisional registration for interns)	261	275	299	399	383	380	471	477	469	451
Registration in Part III of the Register (Limited registration)	195	220	192	184	198	168	197	174	175	82
Registration in Part IV of the Register (Temporary registration)	135	98	102	110	109	86	108	96	102	11
Restoration to the Register	26	21	22	34	17	16	9	13	9	8

Total: 898 874 889 1 026 1 104 1 029 1 163 1 232 1 231 1 023

Number of registered medical practitioners in the Specialist Register (Position as at 31 December 2020)

		No.
1.	Anaesthesiology	490
2.	Intensive Care	32
3.	Community Medicine	21
4.	Emergency Medicine	381
5.	Family Medicine	487
6.	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	466
7.	Ophthalmology	310
8.	Orthopaedics & Traumatology	480
9.	Otorhinolaryngology	182
10.	Paediatrics	583
11.	Pathology	172
12.	Internal Medicine	99
13.	Cardiology	277
14.	Critical Care Medicine	71
15.	Dermatology & Venereology	115
16.	Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism	124
17.	Gastroenterology & Hepatology	214
18.	Geriatric Medicine	177
19.	Haematology & Haematological Oncology	60
20.	Nephrology	146
21.	Neurology	133
22.	Respiratory Medicine	189
23.	Rheumatology	88
24.	Psychiatry	414
25.	Radiology	396
26.	Clinical Oncology	159
27.	Nuclear Medicine	23
28.	General Surgery	576
29.	Urology	136
30.	Neurosurgery	82



	No.
31. Cardio-thoracic Surgery	47
32. Plastic Surgery	66
33. Paediatric Surgery	41
34. Immunology & Allergy	5
35. Infectious Disease	36
86. Medical Oncology	42
37. Administrative Medicine	11
38. Public Health Medicine	101
39. Occupational and Environmental Medicine	14
10. Anatomical Pathology	10
1. Chemical Pathology	15
2. Forensic Pathology	9
l3. Haematology	13
4. Immunology	3
15. Clinical Microbiology & Infection	39
6. Palliative Medicine	24
7. Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	0
8. Rehabilitation	25
9. Gynaecological Oncology	5
0. Urogynaecology	2
1. Reproductive Medicine	11
52. Maternal & Fetal Medicine	0
3. Pain Medicine	2
54. Paediatric Immunology & Infectious Diseases	9
55. Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics	18
66. Paediatric Neurology	12
7. Clinical Toxicology	3
8. Paediatric Respiratory Medicine	7
59. Genetics and Genomics (Paediatrics)	3
60. Paediatrics Endocrinology	5
1. Genetic and Genomic Pathology	0
	Total: 7 661

Attendance

Policy Meetings of the Council

Ten policy meetings were held by the Council in 2020.

Member	No. of meeting during the tenure	No. of attendance
Prof. LAU Wan-yee, Joseph, SBS (Chairman)	10	10
Mrs BIRCH LEE Suk-yee, Sandra, GBS, JP	10	10
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN	10	9
Mr CHAN Wing-kai	10	9
Dr CHENG Chi-man	10	6
Dr CHEUNG Chin-pang	10	10
Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming	10	9
Dr CHOI Kin, Gabriel	10	10
Dr CHOW Yu-fat	10	10
Director of Health	10	10
Prof. FOK Tai-fai, SBS, JP	10	9
Dr HO Hung-kwong, Duncan	10	5
Dr HO Pak-leung, JP	10	10
Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP	10	9
Mr HUNG Hin-ching, Joseph	10	9
Dr IP Wing-yuk	10	7
Mr KWONG Cho-shing, Antonio, MH	10	3
Mr LAM Chi-yau	10	9
Dr LAM Tzit-yuen, David	10	10
Dr LAU Chor-chiu, GMSM, MH, JP	10	8
Dr LEE Wai-hung, Danny	10	10



Member	No. of meeting during the tenure	No. of attendance
Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu	10	9
Dr LO Chi-yuen, Albert	10	7
Dr LUNG David Christopher	10	9
Mr MUI Cheuk-nang, Kenny	10	5
Dr PONG Chiu-fai, Jeffrey, MH	10	8
Dr SHEA Tat-ming, Paul	10	7
Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP	10	10
Dr WAI Yuk-chun, Veronica	10	9
Prof. WONG Yung-hou, MH	10	7
Dr YEUNG Hip-wo, Victor	10	9
Member whose tenure started in 2020		
Prof. CHOW Yat-ngok, York, GBS, MBE (from 9 July 2020 onwards)	4	4
Member whose tenure ended in 2020		
Prof. Felice LIEH-MAK, GBS, CBE, JP (ended on 8 July 2020)	6	5

Meetings of the deemed Preliminary Investigation Committee

Eleven meetings were held by the Committee in 2020.

M ember	No. of meeting during the tenure	No. of attendance
Prof. FOK Tai-fai, SBS, JP (Chairman)	11	11
Dr IP Wing-yuk (Deputy Chairman)	11	11
Mrs BIRCH LEE Suk-yee, Sandra, GBS, JP#	3	3
Dr FOO Kam-so, Stephen	11	11
Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP #	3	3
Mr HUNG Hin-ching, Joseph#	3	3
Mr KWONG Cho-shing, Antonio, MH #	3	3
Dr SO Yui-chi	11	11
Members whose tenure started in 2020		
Dr MAW Kit-chee, Christina (from 12 February 2020 onwards)	9	8
Dr NG Kwok-keung (from 5 July 2020 onwards)	5	5
Members whose tenure ended in 2020		
Dr CHONG Yee-hung (ended on 11 February 2020)	2	1
Dr FAN Yuen-man, Cecilia, JP (ended on 4 July 2020)	6	1

Remarks:

[#] Serving on a rotational basis, each for a period of 3 months



Meetings of the new Preliminary Investigation Committee

Eleven meetings were held by the Committee in 2020.

Member	No. of meeting during the tenure	No. of attendance
Dr CHENG Chi-man (Chairman)	11	11
Dr CHIU Shing-ping, James	11	10
Dr LEE Wai-hung, Danny	11	11
Ms NG Ka-man, Rendy	11	8
Prof. WONG Yung-hou, MH	11	9
Members whose tenure started in 2020		
Dr FUNG Tak-kwan, James (Deputy Chairman) (from 3 October 2020 onwards)	3	3
Ms CHUI Hoi-yee, Heidi (from 9 September 2020 onwards)	4	4
Members whose tenure ended in 2020		
Dr CHAN Nim-tak, Douglas (Deputy Chairman) (ended on 2 October 2020)	8	8
Mr WONG Hin-wing, Simon, MH (ended on 5 September 2020)	7	6

Meetings of the Licentiate Committee

Three meetings were held by the Committee in 2020.

Member	No. of meeting during the tenure	No. of attendance
Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming (Chairman)	3	3
Dr CHAN Kit-sheung	3	2
Dr KONG Wing-ming	3	1
Dr LAM Wing-wo	3	3
Prof. LAU Yu-lung, JP	3	2
Dr Ll Mun-pik, Teresa	3	3
Prof. NG Kwok-wai, Enders	3	3
Prof. SZETO Cheuk-chun	3	3
Dr YEUNG Tai-kong, Deacons	3	3
Member whose tenure started in 2020		
Prof. LEE Ho-fun, Victor (from 7 August 2020 onwards)	2	2
Member whose tenure ended in 2020		
Prof. LEUNG Wai-keung (ended on 6 August 2020)	1	1



Meetings of the Education and Accreditation Committee

Seven meetings were held by the Committee in 2020.

Member	No. of meeting during the tenure	No. of attendance
Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP (Chairman)	7	7
Dr CHOW Yu-fat	7	4
Prof. HUNG Chi-tim, JP	7	7
Prof. HUNG Ivan Fan-ngai	7	1
Dr LAM Nai-man	7	3
Dr LAU Chor-chiu, GMSM, MH, JP	7	5
Dr LUK Hung-to, Danny	7	5
Dr PONG Chiu-fai, Jeffrey, MH	7	4
Dr TONG Kai-sing	7	6
Prof. WING Yun-kwok	7	6
Dr WONG Tin-chun, Gordon	7	6
Dr YEUNG Hip-wo, Victor	7	7
Members whose tenure started in 2020		
Prof. WONG Yeung-shan, Samuel (from 6 February 2020 onwards)	6	3
Members whose tenure ended in 2020		
Prof. CHAN Anthony Tak-cheung (ended on 5 February 2020)	1	-
Prof. LEUNG Gilberto Ka-kit (ended on 22 December 2020)	7	3

Meetings of the Ethics Committee

Four meetings were held by the Committee in 2020.

Member	No. of meeting during the tenure	No. of attendance
Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu (Chairman)	4	4
Dr CHAN Hau-ngai, Kingsley	4	3
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN	4	3
Dr HO Hok-kung	4	3
Dr HO Pak-leung, JP	4	4
Mr KWONG Cho-sing, Antonio, MH	4	2
Dr LAM Tzit-yuen, David	4	2
Mr MA Siu-leung, BBS, MH	4	2
Dr TSE Chun-yan, MH	4	4
Dr WAI Yuk-chun, Veronica	4	4
Dr WONG Grace Josephine Wing-san	4	3
Prof. WONG Yung-hou, MH	4	2



Hearings of the Health Committee

One hearing was held by the Committee in 2020.

M ember	No. of hearing during the tenure	No. of attendance
Dr SHEA Tat-ming, Paul (Chairman)	1	1
Dr CHEUNG Chin-pang	1	1
Dr HUNG Bing-kei, Gabriel	1	1
Dr LEE Siu-yin, Ruby, JP	1	1
Dr LO Chi-yuen, Albert	1	_
Dr LO See-kit, Raymond	1	1
Mr WOO King-hang	1	1
Members whose tenure started in 2020		
Dr LAM Hiu-ha, Debby (from 7 February 2020 onwards)	1	_
Dr MAK Siu-king (from 24 January 2020 onwards)	1	1
Mr MUI Cheuk-nang, Kenny (from 7 February 2020 onwards)	1	1
Dr SO King-woon, Alan (from 12 February 2020 onwards)	1	1
Members whose tenure ended in 2020		
Dr CHAN Siu-kim (ended on 29 December 2020)	1	1
Dr CHOW Chun-kwan, John (ended on 6 February 2020)	_	_
Dr HO Chung-ping, MH, JP (ended on 23 January 2020)	-	_
Mr HUNG Hin-ching, Joseph (ended on 6 February 2020)	-	_
Dr WONG Ho-shan, Steven (ended on 11 February 2020)	-	_

Disciplinary Inquiries

A total of 60 disciplinary inquiries involving 72 hearing days were conducted in 2020.

(A) Attendance of Council Members

Member	No. of inquiry	No. of hearing day	Remarks
Prof. LAU Wan-yee, Joseph, SBS (Chairman)	31	40	(1)
Mrs BIRCH LEE Suk-yee, Sandra, GBS, JP	10	17	(2f)
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN	2	2	
Mr CHAN Wing-kai	13	12	
Dr CHENG Chi-man	2	1	(2c)
Dr CHEUNG Chin-pang	6	10	
Dr CHEUNG Hon-ming	4	4	
Dr CHOI Kin, Gabriel	17	16	(1)
Dr CHOW Yu-fat	3	3	
Director of Health	-	_	(3)
Prof. FOK Tai-fai, SBS, JP	_	_	(2a)
Dr HO Hung-kwong, Duncan	3	3	
Dr HO Pak-leung, JP	5	4	
Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, MH, JP	9	12	(2f)
Mr HUNG Hin-ching, Joseph	6	9	(2f)
Dr IP Wing-yuk	2	2	(2b)
Mr KWONG Cho-shing, Antonio, MH	3	3	(2f)
Mr LAM Chi-yau	10	10	



Member	No. of inquiry	No. of hearing day	Remarks
Dr LAM Tzit-yuen, David	2	5	
Dr LAU Chor-chiu, GMSM, MH, JP	5	4	
Dr LEE Wai-hung, Danny	9	12	(2f)
Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu	2	4	
Dr LO Chi-yuen, Albert	2	2	
Dr LUNG David Christopher	3	5	
Mr MUI Cheuk-nang, Kenny	6	5	
Dr PONG Chiu-fai, Jeffrey, MH	4	3	
Dr SHEA Tat-ming, Paul	1	1	
Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace, SBS, JP	4	8	(1)
Dr WAI Yuk-chun, Veronica	2	2	
Prof. WONG Yung-hou, MH	3	3	(2f)
Dr YEUNG Hip-wo, Victor	3	5	
Members whose tenure started in 2020			
Prof. CHOW Yat-ngok, York, GBS, MBE (from 9 July 2020 onwards)	-	-	
Members whose tenure ended in 2020			
Prof. Felice LIEH-MAK, GBS, CBE, JP (ended on 8 July 2020)	8	8	(1)

(B) Attendance of Assessors

Assessor	No. of inquiry	No. of hearing day	Remarks
Dr AU YEUNG Kam-chuen, Sidney	2	2	
Mr CHAN Hiu-fung, Nicholas, MH, JP	4	7	
Dr CHAN Nim-tak, Douglas	1	1	(2d)
Prof. CHAN Anthony Tak-cheung	2	1	
Dr CHIU Shing-ping, James	3	6	(2f)
Prof. CHU Kent-man	2	2	
Ms CHUI Hoi-yee, Heidi	3	3	(2f)
Dr FUNG Ho-wang	1	1	
Dr FUNG Tak-kwan, James	3	3	(2e)
Mr HUI Cheuk-lun, Lawrence	2	2	
Mr KAN Pak-him Christopher	3	3	
Mr LAI Yat-hin, Adrian	2	2	
Dr LI Mun-pik, Teresa	2	5	
Dr MAK Siu-king	4	3	
Dr MOK Pik-tim, Francis	2	2	
Ms NG Ka-man, Rendy	4	6	(2f)
Mr NG Ting-shan	10	15	
Prof. TAN Choon-beng, Kathryn	-	-	
Prof. WONG Wing-kin, Gary	3	3	
Dr WONG Yee-him, John	1	3	
Mr WOO King-hang	4	4	
Dr YAM Kwong-yui	4	3	
Dr YEUNG Chiu-fat, Henry	1	1	



Assessor	No. of inquiry	No. of hearing day	Remarks
Assessors whose tenure started in 2020			
From 8 January 2020 onwards			
Dr BEH Swan-lip	3	8	
Dr CHAN Hung-chiu, Peter	2	2	
Dr CHENG Chi-kin, Ashley	3	3	
Ms CHENG Hoi-yue, Vivian	1	1	
Ms CHOW Anna M W	3	2	
Dr HAU Kai-ching	2	2	
Mr HUI Man-kit, Patrick	3	3	
Prof. KONG Pik-shan, Alice	2	3	
Dr KONG Yim-fai, Albert, MH	1	1	
Mr LAI Kwan-ho, Raymond	3	3	
Dr LAM Ho	1	1	
Dr LAU Ho-lim	2	2	
Prof. LAU Yu-lung, JP	2	2	
Mr LAW Yu-wing	2	2	
Ms LEE Hong-yee, Connie	2	2	
Prof. LEUNG Kai-shun, Christopher	1	1	
Dr LI Fan-lan, Florence Virginia	1	1	
Mr LUI Wing-cheung, Kenneth	3	2	
Dr LUM Chor-ming, Christopher	1	1	
Dr NG Kwok-keung	1	1	(2f)
Dr QUE Tak-lun	2	3	
Dr SO Hing-yu	1	1	
Mr TSANG Kin-ping	1	1	
Ms WU Ka-lai, Cary	3	6	
Mr YANG Kwong-fai	2	2	
Mr YUEN Hon-lam, Joseph	2	2	

Assessor	No. of inquiry	No. of hearing day	Remarks
From 9 September 2020 onwards			
Ms LAU Sze-wan, Serena, JP	-	-	
Mr WONG Ka-kin, Andy	-	-	
From 4 November 2020 onwards			
Ms HO Yuk-wai, Joan	-	-	
Mr YEUNG Chi-wai, Edwin, MH	-	-	
Assessors whose tenure ended in 2020			
Mr POON Yiu-kin, Samuel (ended on 5 September 2020)	5	4	
Mr WONG Hin-wing, Simon, MH (ended on 5 September 2020)	4	9	(2f)
Dr CHAN Siu-kim (ended on 30 November 2020)	2	2	

(Note: As some inquiries were conducted on the same hearing day and some others were held on more than one day, the number of inquiry attended by some members / assessors is different from the respective number of hearing days attended by them.)

Remarks:

- (1) With the enactment of the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance on 6 April 2018, which provided for, inter alia, the appointment of inquiry panels for disciplinary inquiries, Prof. LAU Wan-yee, Joseph and Dr CHOI Kin, Gabriel had been Chairpersons of inquiry panels since 6 April 2018 and 5 July 2019 respectively. Prof. Felice LIEH-MAK was a Chairperson of inquiry panels from 6 April 2018 to 8 July 2020. Upon the retirement of Prof. LIEH-MAK, Prof. TANG Wai-king, Grace had been appointed as a Chairperson of inquiry panels since 9 July 2020.
- (2) According to section 21(4A) of the Medical Registration Ordinance, the following Council Members / assessors (as denoted with remarks in the table), who had either served on (i) the former Preliminary Investigation Committee, i.e. the PIC established under the pre-amended Medical Registration Ordinance, which is also deemed as PIC ("deemed PIC") after enactment of the Amendment Ordinance on 6 April 2018 or (ii) the Preliminary Investigation Committee established after enactment of the Amendment Ordinance ("new PIC"), did not attend disciplinary inquiries into the cases in which they had taken part during the preliminary investigation:
 - (a) Prof. FOK Tai-fai, who was the Deputy Chairman of the PIC from 2 February 2000 to 5 April 2018 and the deemed PIC from 6 April 2018 to 12 February 2019, and had been the Chairman of the deemed PIC since 13 February 2019.
 - (b) Dr IP Wing-yuk, who had been the Deputy Chairman of the deemed PIC since 13 February 2019.
 - (c) Dr CHENG Chi-man, who had been the Chairman of the new PIC since 5 September 2018.
 - (d) Dr CHAN Nim-tak, Douglas, who had been the Deputy Chairman of the new PIC from 3 October 2018 to 2 October 2020.
 - (e) Dr FUNG Tak-kwan, James, who had been the Deputy Chairman of the new PIC since 3 October 2020.
 - (f) Council Members / assessors who were members of the deemed PIC / new PIC in 2020.
- (3) The Director of Health did not take part in disciplinary inquiries as she is also the Registrar of Medical Practitioners who is responsible for maintaining the General Register and Specialist Register.