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Clerk to Panel  
Panel on Health Services  
Legislative Council  
8 Jackson Road  
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(Attn: Ms Amy Yu)

Dear Ms Yu,

**Hospital Authority Private Service Fees**

During the discussion on the Review of Hospital Authority Drug Formulary on 10 July 2006, Dr Hon Fernando Cheung asked for certain information about self-financed drugs prescribed by the Hospital Authority. I enclose herewith the requested information for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Paul Cheng)  
for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

cc CE/HA (Attn: Dr W L Cheung)

**Supplementary Information on  
Hospital Authority's Prescription of Self-Financed (SFI) Drugs**

**1. Number of patients prescribed with SFI drugs**

37 935 patients

**2. Drug classes of SFIs for patients' purchase at community pharmacies**

Drug Class	Percentage
Lipid-lowering drugs	39%
Drugs for Cardiovascular system	22%
Drugs for Musculoskeletal & joint disease	8%
Drugs for bone system	6%
Life style drugs	6%
Antiviral drugs	5%
Diabetic drugs	4%
Drugs for Gastro-intestinal system	2%
Others	8%
Total	100%

(March to May 06 prescription data)

**3. Average monthly cost borne by each patient**

Such information is not available as patients may purchase the SFI drugs in community pharmacies.

**4. Types of SFI drugs covered by the Samaritan Fund**

- (a) Interferon
- (b) Paclitaxel
- (c) Growth hormone
- (d) Imatinib