

Practising Estate Doctors' Association
Comments on Health Care Reforms
To be presented on 10th May 2008
Special meeting with the Health Panel of Legco

1. PEDDA supports government intentions to utilize primary care doctors as first line health provider (including preventive care), however there are several limitations in public private transference of out-patient service.
2. PEDDA welcome electronic patient data record. Since most of our members are working in low cost clinics, government subsidy for such service may be required.
3. There is lack of centralized government control in the 11 private hospitals in Hong Kong. The Cost of private Hospital is extremely costly (compared world wide) and unpredictable. Private hospital service should complement government hospital services rather than working purely for profit gain.
4. Abuse of government medical service by non-tax payers (not the underprivileged). The existing policy on allowing Mainland Chinese Female to have babies in Hong Kong need implementation.
5. All Health Reform Options (adopted from various countries) have their advantages and disadvantages. Government must make selections among those options and provide a combination of these options to provide the most effective policy for implementation.

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6. Elderly Health Coupons (\$250) should be freely transferable to provide optimum usage of such money for the elderly population and this should be extended to a regular service in the future.