



## **Hong Kong Private Hospitals Association**

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### eHR Support Letter to Panel on Health Services

The Honourable Dr. Lee,  
Chairman  
Panel on Health Services  
Legislative Council.

Dear Dr. Lee,

The Hong Kong Private Hospitals Association represents all the 13 private Hospitals in Hong Kong.

The Association supports the establishment of a secured, territory-wide patient-oriented electronic health record (eHR) system under the direction of a dedicated office at the Food and Health Bureau. The Association supports this government-led model, as it will generate confidence among private healthcare providers and patients.

We would like to see the development of a new electronic Clinical Information Management System to support the eHR system. This system should be able to provide private hospitals the ability to facilitate the deployment of our hospitals' own Clinical Management System. We would also like to see the Government providing technical support, expertise and know how for us to connect to the future eHR system.

The current Public Private Interface-electronic Patient Record (PPI-ePR) Sharing Pilot Projects already provides collaboration between the public and private sectors, and allows timely access of information. We wish that the Government would promote more sharing pilot projects prior to the full implementation of the eHR system.

We believe that the availability of a comprehensive eHR will enable timely and informed decisions to be made at the point of care. Various healthcare providers will no longer need to repeat data collections, as they are readily available on eHR, and error minimized.



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The changes brought about by eHR will provide the opportunity for extensive re-engineering of health care administrative processes to achieve greater efficiency, and cost savings. Examples being enhanced capabilities in medical record management, medical analysis and planning, monitoring of healthcare outcomes and detection of epidemiological changes in disease patterns.

The Association believes working with patients' clinical information on a common IT platform will enhance the future standard of healthcare in Hong Kong. We hope the eHR project receives support of the Panel.



Lau Kwok Lam, Alan  
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