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Panel on Health Services

**Submission from Hong Kong Academy of Medicine**

**For the Meeting of Panel on Health Services**

**on 8 August 2011**

1. The quality of participating providers, i.e. doctors, specialists, and supplementary medical service providers, must be ensured. The related manpower issue should be considered. The public should also be made aware of the recognition and accreditation systems in the medical arena, e.g. the specialist register, continuing medical education, continuous professional development, and primary care doctors' registry.
2. A gate-keeping mechanism will be needed to prevent patients from flooding to hospitals for care that can also be available in the community. Strengthening primary care, together with other measures such as proper referrals to hospital admissions, can help gate-keep and prevent abuse. Enhancing and ensuring high quality primary care through family medicine training is essential. This is in line with the key principles and one of the 4 reform proposals in your first stage consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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