



HONG KONG CHIROPRACTORS ASSOCIATION LIMITED
香港脊醫學會

Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council of the Hong Kong SAR

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Re: Report of the Working Group on Differentiation between Medical Procedures and Beauty Services

Dear Sir,

The Hong Kong Chiropractors Association (HKCA) would like to take this opportunity to express that HKCA is in favor of the Administration's decision to regulate beauty services and agrees in general with the recommendations made by the Working Group on Differentiation between Medical Procedures and Beauty Services (the Working Group). With a clear differentiation between ordinary beauty services from medical treatments, the safety and health of customers of beauty services can be better protected.

However, HKCA is of the view that only "invasive" procedures practiced in beauty services industry are addressed in the report produced by the Working Group. It appears that "non-invasive" procedures have not been studied and no related recommendations have been made. HKCA would like to point out that some procedures might appear "non-invasive" but may be accompanied by potentially dangerous risks. For example, manipulation to facial bones, cranial bones, spine and/or pelvis is being used in the beauty services industry for the purpose of slimming one's face and/or body. Potential risks associated with joint manipulation can range from benign, temporary soreness/pain to serious but rare occurrence of fracture or stroke.

HKCA is greatly concerned about the unsafe practice of joint manipulation by personnel in beauty services without formal and adequate training. Furthermore, HKCA would like to urge the Working Group to evaluate "non-invasive" procedures, specifically safety perimeter in joint manipulation used in beauty services and make appropriate recommendations accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Henry Chan
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