

Hong Kong's health care structure and direction of future reform

1. Service quality

- how to ensure and improve the quality of health care service in particular service provided by the private sector
- how to monitor and improve cost-effectiveness of health care service
 - public sector (Hospital Authority, Department of Health, non-government organizations)
 - private sector (private hospitals/ clinics/ health care centres)
- how to provide appropriate information for patients to make informed choices on hospitals, physicians, drugs and treatments
 - drug prescription
 - fees charged
 - drug labelling
- regulation of medical professionals

2. Coordination between different health care structures

- primary health care and inpatient care
- acute medicine and community medicine
- private and public services
- the balance between hospital-based services and primary health care services

3. Health care financing

- can the existing system be sustained
- the direction of future reform

Note: Topics 1 and 2 are for discussion at the meetings on 14 and 28 June 1999 while topic 3 will be discussed at the meeting on 12 July 1999 and an additional meeting if necessary.