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Dear Legislative Councillors,

**Re : Standard Drug Formulary**

HK Leukemia patients are outraged at government's scrooge behavior when it comes to funding effective live saving cancer drugs like Glivec.

Introduced in 2001 and adopted as first line drug since 2004, Glivec has been proven the most cost-effective drug to date, bringing remission to 85% of patients including those relapsed from BMT.

Despite its 10-year record of proven efficacy, HA refuses to adopt Glivec as standard formulary, causing grave financial hardship to patients and their families.

For 10 years and counting, proven and cost-effective cancer treatments have been wrongly put at the mercy of charity funds, even at times of financial surplus, as in recent years. Samaritan Fund, the so called safety net, is being used to screen out majority of genuine needs, rather than help patients' access the drug.

Patients' Demands

1. Accept patient representative in meetings on SDF and drug subsidy.
2. Increase subsidy on Glivec so that drug cost falls within 10 percent of personal income.
3. Import generic Glivec by enacting necessary legislations.
4. Adopt Glivec as standard formulary.

Yours Truly,

Hong Kong Adult Blood Cancer Group Limited