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Clerk to Bills Committee on Electronic Health Record Sharing
System Bill
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

I write on behalf of the Hong Kong Society of Medical Informatics on the Electronic Record Sharing System Bill.

1. The Hong Kong Society of Medical Informatics was founded in Hong Kong in 1986 and has always been the advocator of the use of information science and technologies in healthcare. We fully support the establishment of the Electronic Record Sharing System in Hong Kong as overseas experience and also local experience from the Hospital Authority have shown without doubt that this implementation will highly benefit the patient care, improves efficiency of healthcare delivery and reducing clinical risks.
2. We wish to emphasize the paramount importance of patient privacy in running such a system, by implementing more stringent laws and regulations on top of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. However, at the same time, these measures should be practical and feasible, and should avoid undue additional workflow and inconvenience to the patients, and healthcare provider particularly the frontline staff. More intelligent and time saving methodologies should be adopted.

3. The Hong Kong Society of Medical Informatics gives full support on all the items of the Bills and encourages the government, the healthcare providers and patients to actively promoting the use of the Sharing System for the betterment of healthcare delivery in Hong Kong.

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