



Clerk to Bills Committee on Electronic Health Record Sharing System
(Attn: Ms Louisa YU)
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex, 1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong

16th December 2014

Dear Sirs/Madam,

Re: Comments on the Bills on Electronic Health Record Sharing System

I am writing in the capacity of the President of the eHealth Consortium and also as an experienced geriatric specialist, and wish to comment on the recent development of the Bills on Electronic Health Record Sharing System.

I do not support the safe deposit box feature as many elderly patients may not have the capability to judge whether non-disclosure of certain medical records will affect the delivery of healthcare to them. And as a practicing geriatrician, the availability of a complete and accurate health record is of prime importance to accurate diagnosis which will affect the treatment of the patient.

Implementation of eHRSS will improve healthcare delivery to elderly as healthcare professionals can reveal their comprehensive medical records online, at a short time frame compared to a long delay in getting all the information at hand. This is of essential importance to the betterment of healthcare in the community.

Early implementation of eHRSS will enhance the health informatics capacity in Hong Kong, which will improve the efficiency of healthcare delivery. I sincerely hope that the Bills Committee could speed up the approval processes, so that the patients could benefit as soon as possible.

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