

Submission to the Bills Committee on Electronic Health Record Sharing System Bill

We all appreciate that the benefits of e-HR sharing system are manifold. To patients, eHRSS reduces duplication of tests and treatments, and enables timely and accurate information of care to be provided to them. With more comprehensive online health records, patients will have more options to receive care either in public or private sector and in the latter, select their preferred care provider in the private sector. To healthcare providers, this enables accurate, efficient and quality clinical care to be delivered to patients, and reduce errors associated with paper records. To the society as a whole, this sharing system improves disease surveillance and monitoring of public health, and brings material gain in total health expenditure. Not to mention the launch of the eHR Sharing System provides business opportunities for software developers and support service providers including small and medium enterprises to provide IT services to enhance the private healthcare providers' electronic clinical systems for the eHRSS connection.

The load of benefits of e-HR sharing is imminent to practically everyone in the community. As the eHR Sharing System has been tested and piloted, and ready for launch, we urge that the system be launched first. Early confirmation of implementation timeline of eHRSS will speed up the computerisation process in private clinics.

We fully support the introduction of the Electronic Health Record Sharing System Bill as early as practical. We sincerely hope that Members can expedite the examination of the Bill, so that the society can reap the immediate benefits of a sharing system soonest.

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