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Dear Dr Leung,

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<u>Re:</u> Recommendations of the Working Group on Differentiation between Medical Procedures and Beauty Services (WGDMPBS)

Thank you for inviting the Hong Kong College of Community Medicine (the College) to the special Health Panel meeting on 23 Dec 2013. On behalf of the College, I would like to submit our views and comments on the captioned recommendations of the WGDMPBS.

As a professional organisation consisting of doctors working to improve the health of the community, the College welcomes the recommendations put forth by the WGDMPBS, which would enhance the protection of public health and consumer interest by differentiating between medical treatment and ordinary beauty services, as well as defining what high risk procedures should be performed only by medical practitioners based on evidence and their inherent risks.

We would like to further emphasise the following:

- the Government should promulgate to the professionals, industry, and the public to raise their awareness on the enhanced control measures, and work with relevant statutory organizations such as the Medical Council of Hong Kong to ensure smooth implementation;
- 2) with rapid evolving medical technology, the Government should keep pace with latest development in procedures involving the application of innovative devices, and update any practising guidelines as appropriate;
- 3) it is imperative to expedite the drafting and enactment of legislation relating to medical devices to provide for a regulatory framework to better protect the public, as Hong Kong is already behind many developed countries on this front.





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