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Prof. Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
Chairman, Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Prof. Hon LEE,

RE: Proposed Regulatory Framework for Medical Devices

The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP) strongly supports the Government to introduce measures to regulate medical devices for cosmetic purposes.

We have the following comments:

1. Family Physicians may opt to participate in aesthetic procedures. HKCFP strongly recommends that they receive proper training by accredited institutions.
2. Plasma skin resurfacing is an invasive procedure with significant potential complication and must be considered under Use Control Category II.
3. For medical doctors involved in cosmetic treatment, a much higher premium is demanded for medical indemnity which is occurrence based. For beauty parlour, the indemnity is a key area to explore especially the same operator (if he / she is not a medical professional) can close down the company and reopen under a different name.
4. All cosmetic procedures no matter how small the risk is and as long as risk and complications exist should be operated or supervised by registered Health Care Professionals as their practice will be subjected to the respective Professional Code of Conduct. Therefore for patient's safety and indemnity purpose, both Category II and Category III of the Study should be grouped together and solely supervised on site by a registered medical practitioner.
5. HKCFP is keen to participate in the statutory Advisory Committee to advise SFH on the implementation and administration of future legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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President