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Re: Proposed Regulatory framework for Medical Devices – Deputation Meeting held by Legislative Council Panel on Health Services, 13 Feb 2017

Honorary Secretary
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Views submitted by The Association of Private Medical Specialists of Hong Kong

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The Association of Private Medical Specialists of Hong Kong is an association composing of most medical professionals who are specialists in all different specialties in medicine and practicing in the private sector. We are the professionals who deal with all kinds of medical devices in treating diseases and save lives on a daily basis. We fully understand all the potential hazards in the use of medical devices on people. In the current situation where some of these medical devices are used on people for cosmetic purposes and without a proper regulatory mechanism is totally unsatisfactory. Our members do regularly see patients who seek for advices due to bodily harm and injuries after receiving treatment from some of those devices. Therefore we fully support the introduction of a regulatory framework for medical devices by the government in safeguarding the safety of the public in the course of receiving cosmetic procedures with the use of medical devices.

The framework of classifying medical devices for cosmetic purposes into four categories according to the potential risk level and matching with the level of personnels who can practice in the use of those devices is basically along the right track. The need for proper training of personnels and licensing of those who are allowed to practice is necessary to avoid improper use of devices which carry risk. As we in principle agree with the classification of the 20 selected categories of items which were mentioned in the 'STUDY', a much more stringent mechanism is needed to monitor the cosmetic market in spotting the potential change of risk in newer versions of the devices or the introduction of novel devices which are not yet known. In this rapidly changing technology world, introduction of new devices is an everyday business and it requires a standing committee with appropriate professional input to provide adequate intelligence.



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We are also of the opinion that although the personnels who operate on those risk associated medical devices for cosmetic purposes are regulated in the present government proposal, the premises which house these devices and where the cosmetic business is carried out should also be regulated in order to safeguard the proper handling of the devices and management of the business is practiced in the proper manner. This may mean that the cosmetic parlours which use risk associated devices need proper licensing.

Yours sincerely,

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