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## Statistics on Disciplinary Cases Handled by the Medical Council

### Complaints Received by the Medical Council

Nature	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1. Conviction in Court					
(a) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	2	1	-	3	1
(b) Others	7	6	5	7	11
2. Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	133	120	114	121	160*
3. Drug-related cases (excluding court convictions)					
(a) Failure to properly label drugs dispensed	1	3	8	4	4
(b) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	-	1	-	-	-
(c) Prescription of drugs of dependence other than bona-fide treatment	4	-	4	1	2
(d) Abuse of Drugs	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Others	1	-	-	1	-
4. Termination of pregnancy	-	1	-	-	-
5. Abuse of professional position to further improper association with patients	-	-	-	-	1
6. Improper, indecent behaviour to patients	12	2	3	8	2
7. Abuse of professional confidence	1	-	-	1	1
8. Advertising / canvassing	33	35	25	19	24
9. Sharing fee & improper financial transaction	-	1	-	-	3
10. Depreciation of other medical practitioner(s)	2	2	-	-	3
11. Misleading, unapproved description & announcement	8	9	4	5	6
12. Issuing misleading, false medical certificates	18	26	14	21	23
13. Improper delegation of medical duties to unregistered persons	2	1	1	2	-
14. Fitness to practise	2	-	1	-	-
15. Miscellaneous	19	22	48	43	46
<b>Total :</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>287</b>

#### Remarks:

- (i) Of the 287 complaints received in 2002:
  - 28 cases (9%) were inactionable because the complainants failed to provide further information or statutory declaration, or the complaints were anonymous, etc.
  - 117 cases (41%) were dismissed by the PIC Chairman, the PIC Deputy Chairman and the Lay Member as being frivolous or groundless.
  - 71 cases (25%) were referred to the PIC meeting.
  - 71 cases (25%) are pending further information or statutory declaration.
- (ii) For cases referred to the PIC meeting, some of them have been carried forward to the PIC meetings to be held in 2003.
- (iii) \* The major categories of cases on disregard of professional responsibility to patients in 2002 include:
  - (1) failure / unsatisfactory result of surgery (25%)
  - (2) failure to properly / timely diagnose illness or to give proper advice (29%)

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## Breakdown on the complaints received in 2002 which were dismissed by the PIC Chairman, the PIC Deputy Chairman and the Lay Member

Reasons for Dismissal	No. of Cases
(a) Doctors' attitude	12
(b) Commercial dispute	-
(c) Communication problem	6
(d) Complications of treatment	15
(e) Unsatisfactory results of treatment	5
(f) Difference in medical opinion	11
(g) Misdiagnosis	5
(h) No evidence	19
(i) Groundless	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>

# TABLE 3

## Work of the Council's Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC)

Nature	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1. Total cases considered by the PIC	56	39	58	80	76*
2. Total cases referred by the PIC to Council for inquiries	7	17	15	18	14#
3. Total cases referred by the PIC to Health Committee for hearing	-	2	-	-	-

### Remarks:

\*The major categories of cases considered by the PIC in 2002 include:

	No. of cases
(a) Conviction in court	7
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	
• inappropriate prescription of drugs	8
• failure to properly/timely diagnose illness	10
• failure to give proper advice/explanation	4
• conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment/surgery	1
• failure/unsatisfactory result of surgery	5
• others	16
(c) Drug-related cases (excluding court convictions)	
• improper labelling of drugs	2
• others	1
(d) Advertising/canvassing	10
(e) Issuing untrue or misleading medical certificates	3
(f) Misleading, unapproved description & announcement	1
(g) Improper, indecent behaviour to patients	1
(h) Miscellaneous	7
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#The major categories of cases referred by the PIC to the Medical Council for inquiry in 2002 include:

	No. of cases	
(a) Conviction		
• careless driving	4	<i>(These cases were of minor offences and the Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no inquiry was to be held.)</i>
• others	2	
• failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	1	
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients		
• inappropriate prescription of drugs	1	<i>(Of these 8 cases, 2 cases have been heard by the Council in 2002.)</i>
• failure to properly/timely diagnose illness	1	
(c) Improper financial transaction	1	
(d) Issuing untrue or misleading medical certificates	2	
(e) Others	2	
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## Work Statistics of the Council's Preliminary Investigation Committee in the Year of 2002

	Quarter				Total
	Jan.-Mar	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	
No. of PIC Meetings	2	3	3	3	<b>11</b>
No. of cases considered	15	16	21	24	<b>76</b>
No. of cases dismissed (%)	12 (80%)	14 (87.5%)	17 (81%)	17 (70.9%)	<b>60 (78.9%)</b>
No. of cases pending further investigation (%)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	2 (8.3%)	<b>2 (2.6%)</b>
No. of cases referred to inquiry (%)	3 (20%)	2 (12.5%)	4 (19%)	5 (20.8%)	<b>14 (18.5%)</b>
No. of cases referred to Health Committee	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	<b>- (-)</b>

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## Disciplinary Inquiries conducted by the Medical Council in 2002

No. of Cases	Nature	Decision of the Medical Council
3	Disregard of professional responsibilities to patients	1 Removed for 3 months 1 Reprimand 1 Not guilty
2	Conviction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs</li> <li>• conspiracy to defraud</li> </ul>	Warning letter Removed for 1 year
2	Failure to properly label drugs dispensed	2 Removed for 1 month (suspended for 1 year)
1	Improper financial transaction	Reprimand
2	Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• made fraudulent representations to another medical practitioner to induce him to join his medical group practice</li> <li>• practised in another name which was not included in the General Register</li> </ul>	Removed for 3 years Warning letter

[Summary : 1 case: not guilty

9 cases: guilty

Of these 10 cases, 8 cases were referred for inquiry by the PIC meetings held in 2001]

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**Figures on Appeal Cases**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
No. of Appeals lodged	4(+1*)	-	2	2(+3*)	1
No. of Appeal cases carried forward from previous years	2	-	-	2	4
<b>Total No. of Appeal cases in progress in the year</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**Result of Appeal Cases concluded in 2002:**

(a) Dismissed by the Court of First Instance/ Court of Appeal	2
(b) Allowed	1
(c) Appeal withdrawn	1
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\* "Judicial Review" case at the Court of First Instance / Court of Appeal.

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## Results of the Licentiate Examination since 1977

Year	Part I			Part II (March)			Part II (May)			Part III			Lic. Issued
	Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	
1977	1129	171	15	170	145	85				142	112	79	
1978	722	74	10	95	78	82				106	40	38	
1979	422	91	22	106	85	80				138	70	51	106
1980	498	82	16	105	81	77				135	50	37	43
1981	402	51	13	74	64	86				131	82	63	64
1982	464	54	12	64	54	84				102	59	58	54
1983	347	84	24	67	63	94	33	29	88	126	107	85	79
1984	351	127	36	108	82	76	47	30	64	129	73	57	62
1985	479	121	25	98	75	77	44	34	77	167	85	51	106
1986	391	96	25	88	56	64	44	37	84	179	65	36	74
1987	334	45	13	40	31	78	18	7	39	141	42	30	84
1988	225	21	9	25	14	56	12	8	67	83	30	36	64
1989	138	19	14	17	17	100	7	4	57	76	31	41	41
1990	132	45	34	33	27	82	11	5	45	86	26	30	31
1991	190	21	11	25	18	72	5	3	60	68	37	54	29
1992	201	52	26	49	41	84	8	5	63	84	35	42	27
1993	216	28	13	22	15	68	12	8	67	72	25	35	36
1994	197	10	5	12	9	75	4	2	50	54	22	41	35
1995	241	52	22	35	28	80	17	14	82	75	25	33	26
1996	260	13	5	12	10	83	2	1	50	58	22	38	22

Total No. of LMCHK granted : 983

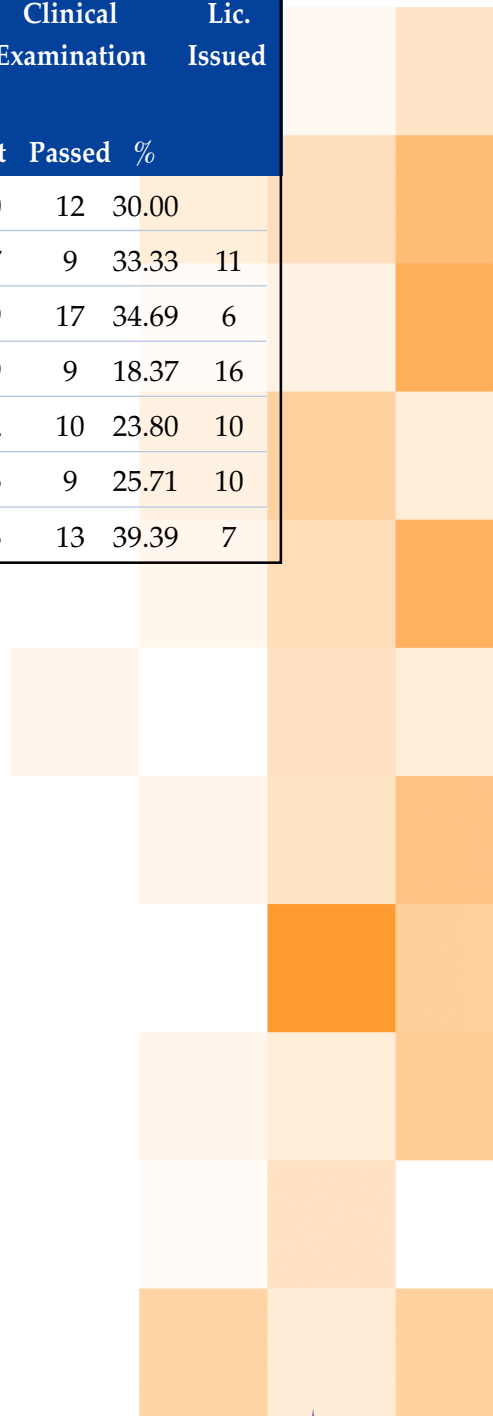
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## Results of the Licensing Examination since 1996

Year	Examination in Professional Knowledge			Proficiency Test in Medical English (March)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (September)			Clinical Examination			Lic. Issued
	Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	Sat	Passed	%	
1996	154	11	7.14	-	-	-	140	88	62.86	40	12	30.00	
1997	178	13	7.30	15	12	80.00	90	48	53.33	27	9	33.33	11
1998	165	43	26.06	7	7	100.00	51	43	84.31	49	17	34.69	6
1999	165	20	12.12	5	4	80.00	57	39	68.42	49	9	18.37	16
2000	132	13	9.85	1	0	0	48	28	58.33	42	10	23.80	10
2001	124	13	10.48	-	-	-	50	37	74.00	35	9	25.71	10
2002	104	11	10.58	-	-	-	31	13	41.94	33	13	39.39	7

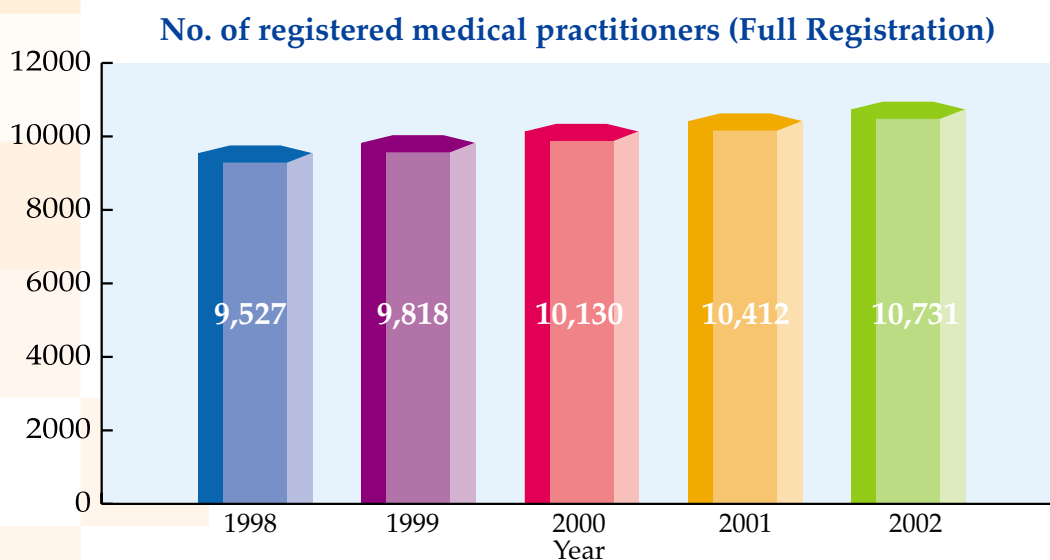




# TABLE 9

## Total Number of Practitioners in Part I of the General Register of Hong Kong (Full Registration)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (as at 31 Dec 2002)
On the Local List	8,397	8,705	9,021	9,334	9,627
On the Overseas List	1,130	1,113	1,109	1,078	1,104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,527</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>10,412</b>	<b>10,731</b>



## Total Number of Practitioners in Part III of the General Register of Hong Kong (Limited Registration)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (as at 31 Dec 2002)
Promulgation No. 1	-	-	-	-	-
Promulgation No. 2	81	84	79	111	107
University of Hong Kong					
Chinese University of Hong Kong					
Hospital Authority					
Department of Health					
Promulgation No. 3	132	124	118	112	92
Promulgation No. 4*	-	-	-	-	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>215</b>

\* Promulgation No. 4 was gazetted by the Medical Council on 9 November 2001.

# TABLE 10



## Breakdown of fresh registrations, renewal of limited registrations as well as those practitioners' names restored to the General Register

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (as at 31 Dec 2002)
Registration in Part II of the Register (Provisional registration for interns)	291	296	321	325	340	361	315
Registration in Part I of the Register (Full registration)	887	400	401	404	409	404	424
Registration in Part IV of the Register (Provisional registration for externs) (No longer exists from 1997 onwards)	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Registration and renewal in Part III of the Register (Limited registration)	258	240	251	248	227	234	238
Restoration to the Register	114	104	62	37	40	23	31*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>1,008</b>

\* One application, from a doctor whose name had been removed from the Register after disciplinary proceedings, was refused after an inquiry into his conduct following his removal.

# TABLE 11

## Number of registered medical practitioners in the Specialist Register

	No.
1. Anaesthesiology	179
2. Intensive Care	11
3. Community Medicine	30
4. Emergency Medicine	69
5. Family Medicine	94
6. Obstetrics and Gynaecology	295
7. Ophthalmology	124
8. Orthopaedics & Traumatology	180
9. Otorhinolaryngology	84
10. Paediatrics	355
11. Pathology	109
12. Internal Medicine	96
13. Cardiology	125
14. Critical Care Medicine	14
15. Dermatology and Venereology	61
16. Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	37
17. Gastroenterology and Hepatology	66
18. Geriatric Medicine	57
19. Haematology and Haematological Oncology	20
20. Nephrology	64
21. Neurology	41
22. Respiratory Medicine	74
23. Rheumatology	22
24. Psychiatry	118
25. Radiology	165
26. Clinical Oncology	63
27. Nuclear Medicine	8
28. General Surgery	254
29. Urology	70
30. Neurosurgery	33
31. Cardio-thoracic Surgery	16
32. Plastic Surgery	33
33. Paediatric Surgery	19
34. Immunology and Allergy	2
35. Infectious Disease	2
36. Medical Oncology	10
37. Administrative Medicine	0
38. Public Health Medicine	0
39. Occupational Medicine	5
40. Anatomical Pathology	2
41. Chemical Pathology	0
42. Forensic Pathology	1
43. Haematology	2
44. Immunology	0
45. Clinical Microbiology & Infection	2
46. Rehabilitation	2
47. Palliative Medicine	1
48. Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	0
49. Gynaecological Oncology	0
50. Urogynaecology	0

**TOTAL**

**3,015**

(Position as at 31 Dec 2002)