

# Table 1

## Statistics on Disciplinary Cases Handled by the Medical Council

### Complaints Received by the Medical Council

Nature	No. of Cases				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
1. Conviction in Court					
(a) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	-	3	1	1	2
(b) Others	5	7	11	14	6
2. Disregard of professional responsibility to patient	114	121	160	166	190*
3. Drug-related cases (excluding court convictions)					
(a) Failure to properly label drugs dispensed	8	4	4	1	2
(b) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Prescription of drugs of dependence other than bona-fide treatment	4	1	2	1	-
(d) Abuse of Drugs	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Others	-	1	-	1	-
4. Termination of Pregnancy	-	-	-	-	-
5. Abuse of professional position to further improper association with patients	-	-	1	-	-
6. Improper, indecent behaviour to patients	3	8	2	8	5
7. Abuse of professional confidence	-	1	1	1	3
8. Advertising/canvassing	25	19	24	68	25
9. Sharing fee & improper financial transaction	-	-	3	2	-
10. Depreciation of other medical practitioner(s)	-	-	3	1	2
11. Misleading, unapproved description & announcement	4	5	6	8	8
12. Issuing misleading, false medical certificates	14	21	23	24	16
13. Improper delegation of medical duties to unregistered persons	1	2	-	2	-
14. Fitness to practise	1	-	-	-	1
15. Miscellaneous	48	43	46	52	51
<b>Total :</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>311</b>

#### Remarks:

- (i) Of the 311 complaints received in 2004:
  - 40 cases (13%) were inactionable because the complainants failed to provide further information or statutory declaration, or the complaints were anonymous, etc.
  - 119 cases (38%) were dismissed by the PIC Chairman, the PIC Deputy Chairman and the Lay Member as being frivolous or groundless.
  - 81 cases (26%) were referred to the PIC meeting.
  - 70 cases (23%) are pending further information or statutory declaration.
  - 1 case was referred to the Health Committee.
- (ii) For cases referred to the PIC meeting, some of them have been carried forward to the PIC meetings to be held in 2005.
- (iii) \* The major categories of cases on disregard of professional responsibility to patients in 2004 include:
  - (1) failure/unsatisfactory result of surgery (14%)
  - (2) failure to properly/timely diagnose illness or to give proper advice (21%)

# Table 2

## Breakdown on the complaints received in 2004 which were dismissed by the PIC Chairman, the PIC Deputy Chairman and the Lay Member

Reasons for Dismissal	No. of Cases
(a) Doctors' attitude	13
(b) Communication problem	5
(c) Complications of treatment	10
(d) Unsatisfactory results of treatment	7
(e) Difference in medical opinion	9
(f) Misdiagnosis	2
(g) No evidence	12
(h) Groundless	61

**Total : 119**

# Table 3

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

Nature	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
(1) Total cases considered by the PIC	58	80	76	108	112*
(2) Total cases referred by the PIC to Council for inquiries	15	18	14	22	25#
(3) Total cases referred by the PIC to Health Committee for hearing	-	-	-	1	-

### Remarks:

\* The major categories of cases considered by the PIC in 2004 include:

	No. of cases
(a) Conviction in court	9
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	
• inappropriate prescription of drugs	8
• failure to properly/timely diagnose illness	9
• failure to give proper advice/explanation	5
• conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment/surgery	2
• failure/unsatisfactory result of surgery	12
• others	14
(c) Drug-related cases (excluding court convictions)	
• prescription of drugs of dependence other than bona-fide treatment	1
(d) Advertising/canvassing	30
(e) Issuing untrue or misleading medical certificates	6
(f) Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	6
(g) Sharing fee and improper financial transaction	2
(h) Depreciation of other medical practitioner(s)	1
(i) Miscellaneous	7
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# The major categories of cases referred by the PIC to the Medical Council for inquiry in 2004 include:

	No. of cases	
(a) Conviction		
• careless driving	7	(These cases were of minor offences and the Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no inquiry was to be held)
• others	1	
• failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	1	
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients		
• inappropriate prescription of drugs	2	(Of these 17 cases, 6 cases have been heard by the Council in 2004)
• failure to properly/timely diagnose illness	1	
• failure to give proper advice/explanation	1	
• failure/unsatisfactory result of surgery	1	
(c) Prescription of drugs of dependence other than bona-fide treatment	1	
(d) Advertising/canvassing	6	
(e) Depreciation of other medical practitioner(s)	1	
(f) Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	1	
(g) Issuing untrue or misleading medical certificates	1	
(h) Miscellaneous	1	
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# Table 4

## Work Statistics of the Council's Preliminary Investigation Committee in the Year of 2004

	Quarter				Total
	Jan.-Mar	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	
No. of PIC Meetings	2	3	3	3	11
No. of cases considered	24	31	25	32	112
No. of cases dismissed (%)	16 (66.7%)	25 (80.6%)	19 (76.0%)	27 (84.4%)	87 (77.7%)
No. of cases referred to inquiry (%)	8 (33.3%)	6 (19.4%)	6 (24.0%)	5 (15.6%)	25 (22.3%)
No. of cases referred to Health Committee (%)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

# Table 5

## Disciplinary Inquiries conducted by the Medical Council in 2004

No. of Cases	Nature	Decision of the Council
3	Disregard of professional responsibilities to patients	1 Removed for 18 months 1 Removed for 1 month (suspended for 6 months) 1 To be continued
1	Conviction - failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	Removed for 9 months
2	Labelling of drugs	1 Reprimanded 1 Removed for 3 months (suspended for 1 year)
2	Issuing misleading, false medical certificates	1 Removed for 3 months 1 Not guilty
2	Advertising/canvassing	1 Warning Letter (gazetted) 1 Warning Letter (not gazetted)
1	Misleading, unapproved description & announcement	Warning Letter (not gazetted)
1	Depreciation of other medical practitioner	Removed for 3 months (suspended for 2 years)
12	[Summary: 1 case: not guilty 10 cases: guilty 1 case: to be continued Of these 12 cases, 6 cases were referred for inquiry by the PIC meetings held in/before 2003]	

# Table 6

## Figures on Appeal Cases

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
No. of Appeals lodged	2	2(+3*)	1	2	2
No. of Appeal cases carried forward from previous years	-	2	4	2	1
<b>Total No. of Appeal cases in progress in the year</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

### Result of Appeal Cases concluded in 2004:

(a) Dismissed by Court of First Instance/ Court of Appeal	1
(b) Allowed	-
(c) Appeal withdrawn	-
	<b>1</b>

\* "Judicial Review" case at the Court of First Instance/ Court of Appeal

# Table 7

## 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

# Table 8

## 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
2003	76	11	14.47	*	-	-	30	26	86.67	27	7	25.93	9
2004	77	7	9.09	*	-	-	20	13	65	21	9	42.86	7

\* suspended since March 2001

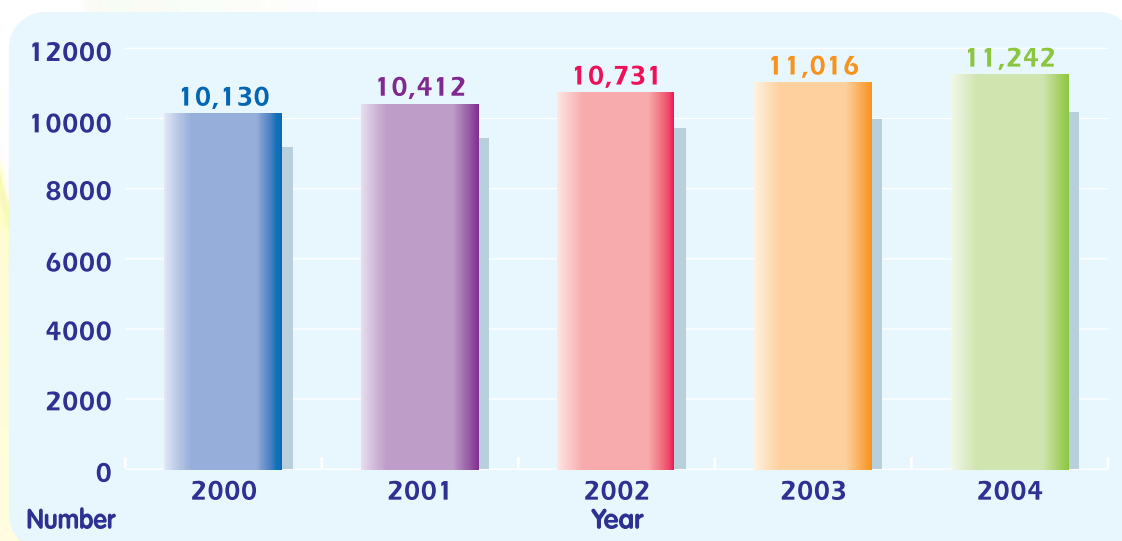


# Table 9

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

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 (as at 31 Dec 2004)
On the Resident List	9,021	9,334	9,627	9,905	10,163
On the Non-resident List	1,109	1,078	1,104	1,111	1,079
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>10,412</b>	<b>10,731</b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>11,242</b>

## No. of registered medical practitioners (Full Registration)



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

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 (as at 31 Dec 2004)
Promulgation No. 1	-	-	-	-	-
Promulgation No. 2	79	111	107	89	96
University of Hong Kong					
Chinese University of Hong Kong					
Hospital Authority					
Department of Health					
Promulgation No. 3	118	112	92	88	82
Promulgation No. 4*	-	-	16	16	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>196</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	2003	2004 (as at 31 Dec 2004)
Registration in Part II of the Register (Provisional registration for interns)	291	296	321	325	340	361	315	318	326
Registration in Part I of the Register (Full registration)	887	400	401	404	409	404	424	427	351
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	196	196
Restoration to the Register	114	104	62	37	40	23	31	21	23*
<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>	<b>962</b>	<b>896</b>

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

# Table 11

## Number of registered medical practitioners in the Specialist Register

	No.		No.
1. Anaesthesiology	212	27. Nuclear Medicine	15
2. Intensive Care	13	28. General Surgery	289
3. Community Medicine	32	29. Urology	76
4. Emergency Medicine	86	30. Neurosurgery	38
5. Family Medicine	107	31. Cardio-thoracic Surgery	19
6. Obstetrics and Gynaecology	305	32. Plastic Surgery	39
7. Ophthalmology	142	33. Paediatric Surgery	18
8. Orthopaedics & Traumatology	228	34. Immunology and Allergy	3
9. Otorhinolaryngology	103	35. Infectious Disease	6
10. Paediatrics	393	36. Medical Oncology	15
11. Pathology	116	37. Administrative Medicine	2
12. Internal Medicine	98	38. Public Health Medicine	3
13. Cardiology	138	39. Occupational Medicine	7
14. Critical Care Medicine	19	40. Anatomical Pathology	5
15. Dermatology and Venereology	64	41. Chemical Pathology	1
16. Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	47	42. Forensic Pathology	2
17. Gastroenterology and Hepatology	77	43. Haematology	2
18. Geriatric Medicine	64	44. Immunology	1
19. Haematology and Haematological Oncology	21	45. Clinical Microbiology & Infection	8
20. Nephrology	70	46. Rehabilitation	4
21. Neurology	48	47. Palliative Medicine	2
22. Respiratory Medicine	92	48. Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	0
23. Rheumatology	25	49. Gynaecological Oncology	0
24. Psychiatry	140	50. Urogynaecology	0
25. Radiology	191	51. Reproductive Medicine	3
26. Clinical Oncology	72		

**Total**

**3,461**

(Position as at 31 December 2004)