

# Table 1



## Statistics on Disciplinary Cases Handled by the Medical Council

Complaints Received by the Medical Council		No. of Cases				
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Nature		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1.	Conviction in Court					
	(a) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	1	1	2	3	1
	(b) Others	11	14	6	9	6
2.	Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	160	166	190	237	297*
3.	Drug-related cases (excluding court convictions)					
	(a) Failure to properly label drugs dispensed	4	1	2	2	1
	(b) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	-	-	-	1	-
	(c) Prescription of drugs of dependence other than bona-fide treatment	2	1	-	1	1
	(d) Abuse of Drugs	-	-	-	-	-
	(e) Others	-	1	-	-	-
4.	Termination of Pregnancy	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Abuse of professional position to further improper association with patients	1	-	-	-	-
6.	Improper, indecent behaviour to patients	2	8	5	6	6
7.	Abuse of professional confidence	1	1	3	4	5
8.	Advertising/canvassing	24	68	25	61	50
9.	Sharing fee & improper financial transaction	3	2	-	3	1
10.	Depreciation of other medical practitioner(s)	3	1	2	1	2
11.	Misleading, unapproved description & announcement	6	8	8	6	11
12.	Issuing misleading, false medical certificates	23	24	16	25	54
13.	Improper delegation of medical duties to unregistered persons	-	2	-	3	-
14.	Fitness to practise	-	-	1	-	-
15.	Miscellaneous	46	52	51	35	30
<b>Total :</b>		<b>287</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>465</b>

### Remarks:

- (i) Of the 465 complaints received in 2006:
  - 14 cases (3%) were inactionable because the complainants failed to provide further information or statutory declaration, or the complaints were anonymous, etc.
  - 131 cases (28%) were dismissed by the PIC Chairman and the PIC Deputy Chairman in consultation with the Lay Member as being frivolous or groundless.
  - 95 cases (21%) were referred to the PIC meeting.
  - 225 cases (48%) 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 2007.
- (iii) \* The major categories of cases on disregard of professional responsibility to patients in 2006 include:
  - (1) conducting inappropriate treatment or inappropriate prescription of drugs - 113 cases (38%)
  - (2) failure to properly/timely diagnose illness or to give proper advice - 51 cases (17%)
  - (3) failure/unsatisfactory result of surgery - 22 cases (7%)

## Table 2



Breakdown on the complaints received in 2006 which were dismissed by the PIC Chairman and the PIC Deputy Chairman

Reasons for Dismissal	No. of Cases
(a) Doctors' attitude	13
(b) Complications of treatment	2
(c) Unsatisfactory results of treatment	3
(d) Difference in medical opinion	2
(e) Misdiagnosis	6
(f) Groundless	105
<b>Total :</b>	<b>131</b>



# Table 3



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

Nature	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
(1) Total cases considered by the PIC	76	108	112	123	118*
(2) Total cases referred by the PIC to Council for inquiries	14	22	25	31#	33#
(3) Total cases referred by the PIC to Health Committee for hearing	-	1	-	-	-

### Remarks:

\*The major categories of cases considered by the PIC in 2006 include:

Nature	No. of Cases
(a) Conviction in court	10
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	
• inappropriate prescription of drugs	19
• failure to properly/timely diagnose illness	6
• failure to give proper advice/explanation	3
• conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment/surgery	16
• failure/unsatisfactory result of surgery	2
• others	10
(c) Drug-related cases (excluding court convictions)	
• prescription of drugs of dependence other than bona-fide treatment	1
(d) Improper, indecent behaviour to patients	2
(e) Advertising/canvassing	25
(f) Issuing untrue or misleading medical certificates	7
(g) Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	6
(h) Abuse of professional confidence	2
(i) Depreciation of other medical practitioner(s)	1
(j) Sharing fee and improper financial transaction	1
(k) Improper delegation of medical duties to unregistered person	2
(l) Miscellaneous	5
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#The major categories of cases referred by the PIC to the Medical Council for inquiry in 2006 include:

Nature	No. of Cases
(a) Conviction	
• careless driving	8
• others	1
• failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	1
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	
• conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment/surgery	4
• failure to give proper advice/explanation	1
• inappropriate prescription of drugs	3
• miscellaneous	1
(c) Improper, indecent behaviour to patient	1
(d) Sharing fee and improper financial transaction	1
(e) Improper delegation of medical duties to unregistered persons	1
(f) Advertising/canvassing	5
(g) Issuing untrue or misleading medical certificates	4
(h) Miscellaneous	2
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(8 cases of careless driving and 1 other conviction case were of minor offences and the Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no inquiry was to be held)

(Of the 24 cases referred to the Council for inquiry, 3 cases have been heard by the Council in 2006)

# Table 4



**Work Statistics of the Council's Preliminary Investigation Committee  
in the Year of 2006**

	Quarter				Total
	Jan. - Mar.	Apr. - June	July - Sept.	Oct. - Dec.	
No. of PIC Meetings	3	3	3	3	12
No. of cases considered	29	33	28	28	118
No. of cases dismissed (%)	21 (72.4%)	23 (69.7%)	21 (75.0%)	20 (71.4%)	85 (72.0%)
No. of cases referred to inquiry (%)	8 (27.6%)	10 (30.3%)	7 (25.0%)	8 (28.6%)	33 (28.0%)
No. of cases referred to Health Committee (%)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

# Table 5



## Disciplinary Inquiries conducted by the Medical Council in 2006

No. of Cases	Nature	Decision of the Council
4	Disregard of professional responsibilities to patients	4 To be continued
5	Conviction - 3 failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	1 1 charge: Removed for 1 month (suspended for 12 months); 1 charge: Warning letter 1 Removed for 1 month (suspended for 12 months) 1 Warning Letter (gazetted)
	- 1 Driving whilst disqualified	1 2 charges: Each removed for 3 months (suspended for 2 years) (run concurrently); 1 charge: Reprimanded
	- 1 Unlawful abortion	1 1 charge: Removed for 1 year; 2 charges: Each removed for 2 years; 1 charge: Removed for 5 years (run concurrently)
4	Labelling of drugs	1 2 charges: Each removed for 3 months (suspended for 2 years) (run concurrently) 1 Removed for 1 month (suspended for 1 year) 1 Removed for 3 months (suspended for 1 year) 1 5 charges: Removed for 3 months 1 charge: Removed for 3 months (run concurrently)
3	Issuing misleading, false medical certificates	1 Removed for 3 months (suspended for 1 year) 1 15 charges: Removed for 18 months; 1 charge: Removed for 3 months (run concurrently) 1 To be continued
6	Practice promotion	1 2 charges: Each removed for 1 month (suspended for 12 months); 1 charge: Removed for 3 months (suspended for 24 months) (run concurrently) 1 Removed for 2 months (suspended for 2 years) 1 Warning letter (1 doctor - gazetted; 2 doctors - not gazetted) 2 Warning letter 1 To be continued
1	Breach of condition imposed under an order of Medical Council	Not guilty
23	[Summary: 1 case : not guilty 16 cases : guilty 6 cases : to be continued Of these 23 cases, 22 cases were referred for inquiry by the PIC meetings held in/before 2005]	



# Table 6



Figures on Appeal Cases

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
No. of Appeals lodged	1	2	2	1	5
No. of Appeal cases carried forward from previous years	4	2	1	2	2
Total No. of Appeal cases in progress in the year	5	4	3	3	7

# Table 7



Results of the Licentiate Examination from 1977 to 1996

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	65.00	21	9	42.86	7
2005	81	11	13.58	*	-	-	29	22	75.86	22	5	22.73	10
2006	105	21	20.00	*	-	-	36	29	80.56	26	9	34.62	5

\* suspended since March 2001



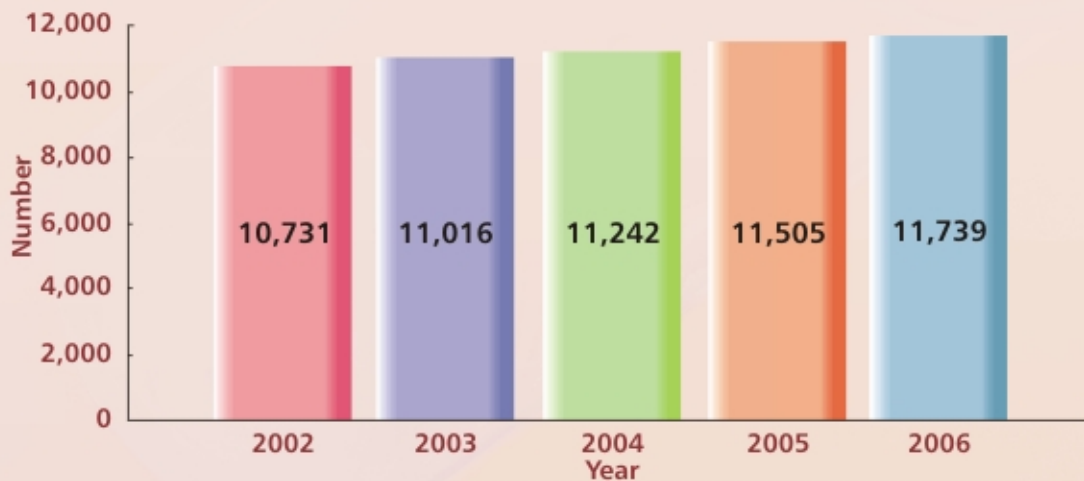
# Table 9



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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 (as at 31 Dec 2006)
On the Resident List	9,627	9,905	10,163	10,432	10,704
On the Non-resident List	1,104	1,111	1,079	1,073	1,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,731</b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>11,242</b>	<b>11,505</b>	<b>11,739</b>

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



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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 (as at 31 Dec 2006)
Promulgation No. 1	-	-	-	-	-
Promulgation No. 2	107	89	96	88	98
University of Hong Kong					
Chinese University of Hong Kong					
Hospital Authority					
Department of Health					
Promulgation No. 3	92	88	82	77	68
Promulgation No. 4*	16	16	18	16	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>185</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

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 (as at 31 Dec 2006)
Registration in Part II of the Register (Provisional registration for interns)	296	321	325	340	361	315	318	326	322	312
Registration in Part I of the Register (Full registration)	400	401	404	409	404	424	427	351	327	322
Registration and renewal in Part III of the Register (Limited registration)	240	251	248	227	234	238	196	196	207	202
Restoration to the Register	104	62	37	40	23	31	21	23*	31	20
<b>Total</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>	<b>887</b>	<b>856</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.

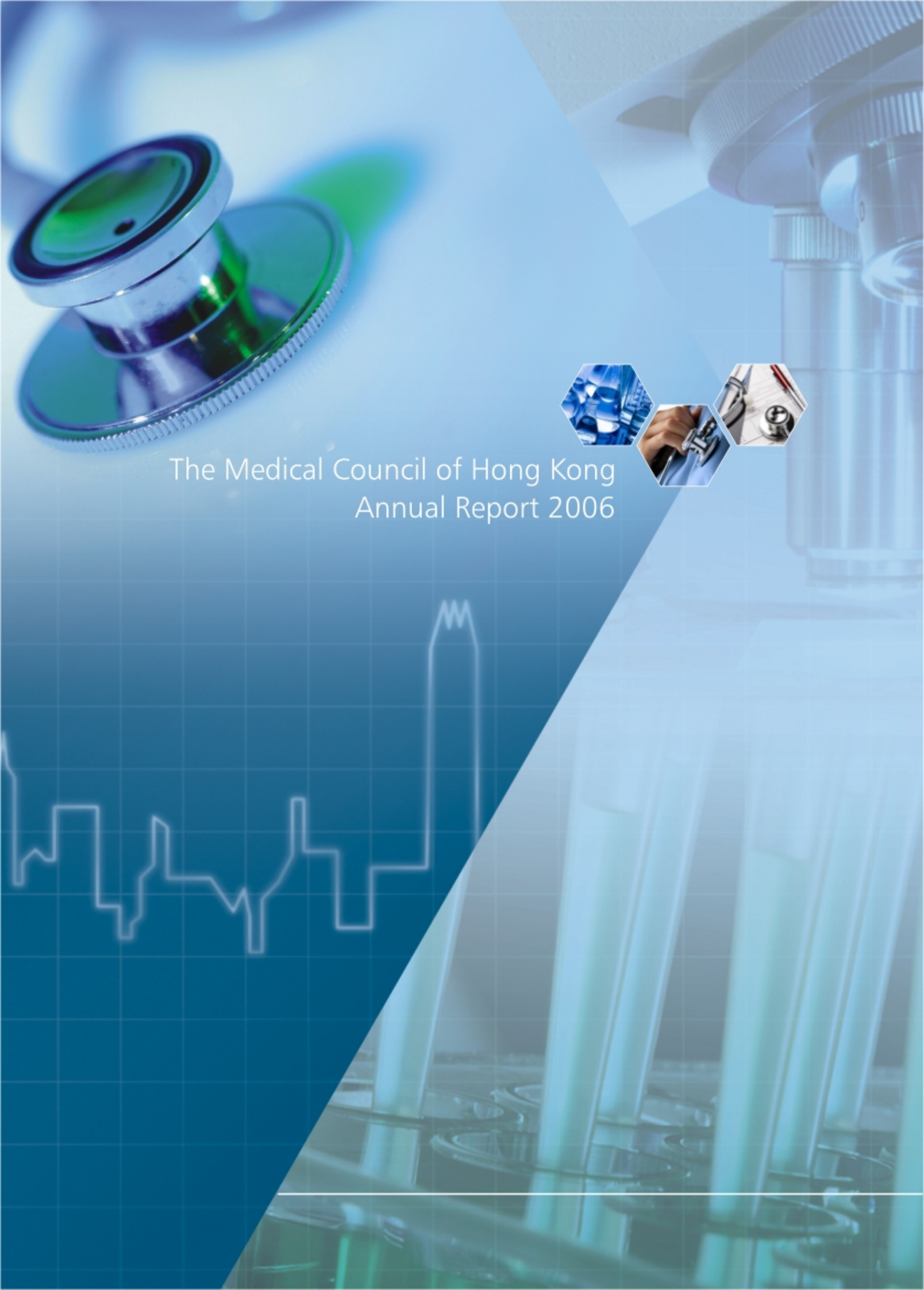
# Table 11



## Number of registered medical practitioners in the Specialist Register (Position as at 31 December 2006)

	No.		No.
1. Anaesthesiology	261	27. Nuclear Medicine	15
2. Intensive Care	16	28. General Surgery	338
3. Community Medicine	32	29. Urology	83
4. Emergency Medicine	145	30. Neurosurgery	48
5. Family Medicine	128	31. Cardio-thoracic Surgery	24
6. Obstetrics and Gynaecology	329	32. Plastic Surgery	42
7. Ophthalmology	172	33. Paediatric Surgery	18
8. Orthopaedics & Traumatology	269	34. Immunology and Allergy	3
9. Otorhinolaryngology	113	35. Infectious Disease	12
10. Paediatrics	434	36. Medical Oncology	17
11. Pathology	126	37. Administrative Medicine	4
12. Internal Medicine	101	38. Public Health Medicine	6
13. Cardiology	149	39. Occupational Medicine	10
14. Critical Care Medicine	27	40. Anatomical Pathology	5
15. Dermatology and Venereology	71	41. Chemical Pathology	2
16. Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	53	42. Forensic Pathology	5
17. Gastroenterology and Hepatology	90	43. Haematology	2
18. Geriatric Medicine	79	44. Immunology	1
19. Haematology and Haematological Oncology	30	45. Clinical Microbiology & Infection	13
20. Nephrology	84	46. Rehabilitation	6
21. Neurology	59	47. Palliative Medicine	3
22. Respiratory Medicine	108	48. Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	0
23. Rheumatology	35	49. Gynaecological Oncology	1
24. Psychiatry	173	50. Urogynaecology	1
25. Radiology	210	51. Reproductive Medicine	5
26. Clinical Oncology	77		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>4,035</b>





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