



7.1 The Health Committee (HC) is established to deal with the health aspect of medical practitioners whose fitness to practise medicine is called into question. It acts in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Medical Practitioners (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation.

7.2 The functions of the HC are as follows:-

- (a) to conduct a hearing into any case or matter concerning the health or physical or mental fitness to practise of any registered medical practitioner, whether the case or matter has been investigated by the PIC or not;
- (b) to conduct a hearing into matters referred to it by the Council under section 21(1);
- (c) to make a recommendation to the Council, after due hearing conducted under paragraph (a) or (b) above, that the name of a registered medical practitioner be removed from the General Register permanently or for any period not exceeding 12 months, and that such an order for removal be suspended subject to such conditions as recommended by the HC, where appropriate; and
- (d) to recommend the extension, not exceeding 12 months, of a period of temporary removal of name recommended under paragraph (c) above.

7.3 The membership of the HC (as at 31 December 2008) was as follows:-

Dr WONG TAAM Chi-woon, Vivian, JP (Chairman)
Dr CHIU Shing-ping, James
Dr CHOW Chun-kwan, John (from 24 January 2008 onwards)
Professor LEE Shui-shan (from 2 April 2008 onwards)
Dr LI Seung-yau, Derek (from 2 April 2008 onwards)
Dr POON Tak-lun
Mrs TAI POON Ching-sheung, Joyce, BBS, JP
Dr TAM Lai-fan, Gloria, JP
Dr TSANG Chiu-yee, Luke
Dr TUNG Yuk (from 12 February 2008 onwards)
Dr WONG Josephine Grace Wing-shan (from 2 April 2008 onwards)

7.4 In October and November 2008, the HC held a hearing to consider 1 case relating to fitness to practise medicine of a registered medical practitioner which was referred to it by the PIC in the same year. The recommendation of the HC was submitted to the Council for consideration in December 2008.