



# Table 1

## Statistics on Disciplinary Cases Handled by the Medical Council

### Complaints Received by the Medical Council

Nature	No. of Cases				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1. Conviction in Court					
(a) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	3	1	5	6	2
(b) Others	9	6	8	8	25
2. Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	237	297	320	239	348*
3. Drug-related cases (excluding court convictions)	4	2	3	6	2
4. Termination of Pregnancy	-	-	-	-	-
5. Abuse of professional position to further improper association with patients	-	-	-	-	1
6. Improper, indecent behaviour to patients	6	6	8	9	5
7. Abuse of professional confidence	4	5	3	7	5
8. Practice promotion	61	50	27	25	15
9. Sharing fee & improper financial transaction	3	1	-	-	2
10. Depreciation of other medical practitioner(s)	1	2	1	-	1
11. Misleading, unapproved description & announcement	6	11	4	11	12
12. Issuing misleading, false medical certificates	25	54	55	39	43
13. Improper delegation of medical duties to unregistered persons	3	-	4	-	3
14. Fitness to practise	-	-	1	-	4
15. Miscellaneous	35	30	33	29	25
<b>Total :</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>493</b>

#### Remarks:

- (i) Of the 493 complaints received in 2009:
- 32 cases (6.5%) were inactionable because the complainants failed to provide further information or statutory declaration, the complaints were anonymous or withdrawn, etc.
  - 181 cases (36.7%) were dismissed by the PIC Chairman and the PIC Deputy Chairman in consultation with the Lay Member as being frivolous or groundless
  - 59 cases (12%) were referred to the PIC meeting
  - 2 cases (0.4%) were referred to the Health Committee
  - 6 cases (1.2%) were referred to inquiry
  - 213 cases (43.2%) are being processed or pending additional information
- (ii) \* The breakdown of cases on "disregard of professional responsibility to patients" in 2009 is as follows:
- (1) Inappropriate prescription of drugs – 44 cases
  - (2) Improper diagnosis – 65 cases
  - (3) Inappropriate medical advice/explanation – 45 cases
  - (4) Unnecessary treatment – 19 cases
  - (5) Unsatisfactory result of treatment – 92 cases
  - (6) Fees and miscellaneous – 83 cases

# Table 2

## Breakdown on the complaints received in 2009 which were dismissed by the PIC Chairman and the PIC Deputy Chairman

Nature of Complaint	No. of Cases
(a) Doctors' attitude / Doctor-patient communication	45
(b) Disagreement with doctor's medical opinion	29
(c) Unsatisfactory results of treatment	18
(d) Complications of treatment	8
(e) Undesirable reactions to drugs prescribed	7
(f) Misdiagnosis	1
(g) Sick leave and related matters	21
(h) Fees dispute	19
(i) Alleged indecent behaviour to patients	1
(j) Practice promotion/descriptions/announcements	12
(k) Miscellaneous	20
<b>Total :</b>	<b>181</b>



# Table 3

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

Nature	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
(1) Total cases considered by the PIC	123	118	99	151	103*
(2) Total cases referred by the PIC to Council for inquiries, or no inquiry	31	33	34	37	41#
(3) Total cases referred by the PIC to Health Committee for hearing	-	-	-	1	2

### Remarks:

\*The major categories of cases considered by the PIC in 2009 include:

	No. of Cases
(a) Conviction in court	16
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	
• inappropriate prescription of drugs	12
• failure to properly/timely diagnose illness	15
• failure to give proper advice/explanation	5
• conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment/surgery	3
• failure/unsatisfactory result of surgery	14
• others	11
(c) Drug-related cases (excluding court convictions)	
• failure to properly label drugs dispensed	2
(d) Improper, indecent behaviour to patients	0
(e) Advertising/canvassing	11
(f) Issuing untrue or misleading medical certificates	5
(g) Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	5
(h) Abuse of professional confidence	1
(i) Miscellaneous	3
	103

#The major categories of cases referred by the PIC to the Medical Council for inquiry or no inquiries in 2009 include:

	No. of Cases	
(a) Conviction		<i>(8 cases of careless driving were of minor offences and the Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no inquiry was to be held)</i>
• careless driving	8	
• others	1	
• failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	7	
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients		
• conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment/surgery	3	
• failure to give proper advice/explanation	1	
• inappropriate prescription of drugs	9	
• failure to properly diagnose illness	0	
• failure / unsatisfactory results of surgery	4	
• miscellaneous	2	
(c) Advertising/canvassing	5	
(d) Issuing untrue or misleading medical certificates	0	
(e) Abuse of professional confidence	0	
(f) Miscellaneous	1	
	41	

# Table 4

## Work Statistics of the Council's Preliminary Investigation Committee in the Year of 2009

	Quarter				Total
	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	
No. of PIC Meetings	3	3	3	3	12
No. of cases considered	27	19	32	25	103
No. of cases dismissed (%)	18 (66.7%)	12 (63.2%)	16 (50%)	14 (56%)	60 (58.3%)
No. of cases referred to Council (%)	8 (29.6%)	7 (36.8%)	16 (50%)	10 (40%)	41* (39.8%)
No. of cases referred to Health Committee (%)	1 (3.7%)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (4%)	2 (1.9%)

\* 8 cases of careless driving were of minor offences and the Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no inquiry was to be held.



# Table 5

## Disciplinary Inquiries conducted by the Medical Council in 2009

No. of Cases	Nature	Decision of the Council
8	Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	1 1 charge : Permanent removal 1 charge : Removed for 3 months 2 charges : Removed for 1 month 6 charges : Reprimanded 5 charges : Not guilty (removal orders run concurrently)
		1 2 charges : Removed for 42 months 1 charge : Removed for 12 months 3 charges : Removed for 6 months (removal orders run concurrently)
		1 2 charges : Removed for 2 years
		1 3 charges : Removed for 5 months 1 charge : Reprimanded 1 charge : Not guilty (removal orders run concurrently)
		1 Removed for 1 month (suspended for 1 year)
		1 1 charge : Reprimanded 2 charges : Not guilty
		2 Warning Letter (not gazetted)
2	Labelling of drugs/ Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	1 Removed for 2 months
		1 Removed for 1 month (suspended for 6 months)
2	Issuing misleading, false medical certificates	1 1 charge : Warning Letter (not gazetted) 1 charge : Not guilty
		1 To be continued
4	Practice promotion/ Advertising	1 1 doctor : Removed for 2 months 1 doctor : Removed for 4 months (suspended for 2 years)
		1 Warning Letter (not gazetted)
		2 To be continued
3	Conviction	
	- 1 failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	1 1 charge : Removed for 2 months 1 charge : Removed for 1 month (run concurrently)
	- 1 conspiracy of defraud	1 Removed for 6 months (suspended for 2 years)
	- 1 selling drug for human consumption but unfit for that purpose	1 Removed for 2 months (suspended for 1 year)
19	[Summary: 16 cases : guilty 3 cases : to be continued 15 of these 19 cases were referred for inquiry by the PIC meetings held in/before 2008]	

# Table 6

## Figures on Appeal Cases

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of Appeals lodged	1	5	4	4	4
No. of Appeal cases carried forward from previous years	2	2	6	7	10
<b>Total No. of Appeal cases in progress in the year</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>

### Results of Appeal Cases concluded in 2009:

(a) Dismissed by Court of First Instance / Court of Appeal	-
(b) Allowed	1
(c) Appeal withdrawn	1
	<b>2</b>



# 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
2007	117	22	18.80	*	-	-	34	33	97.06	37	18	48.65	8
2008	138	12	8.70	*	-	-	38	25	65.79	23	8	34.78	9
2009	158	41	25.95	*	-	-	39	22	56.41	48	15	31.25	12

\* suspended since March 2001



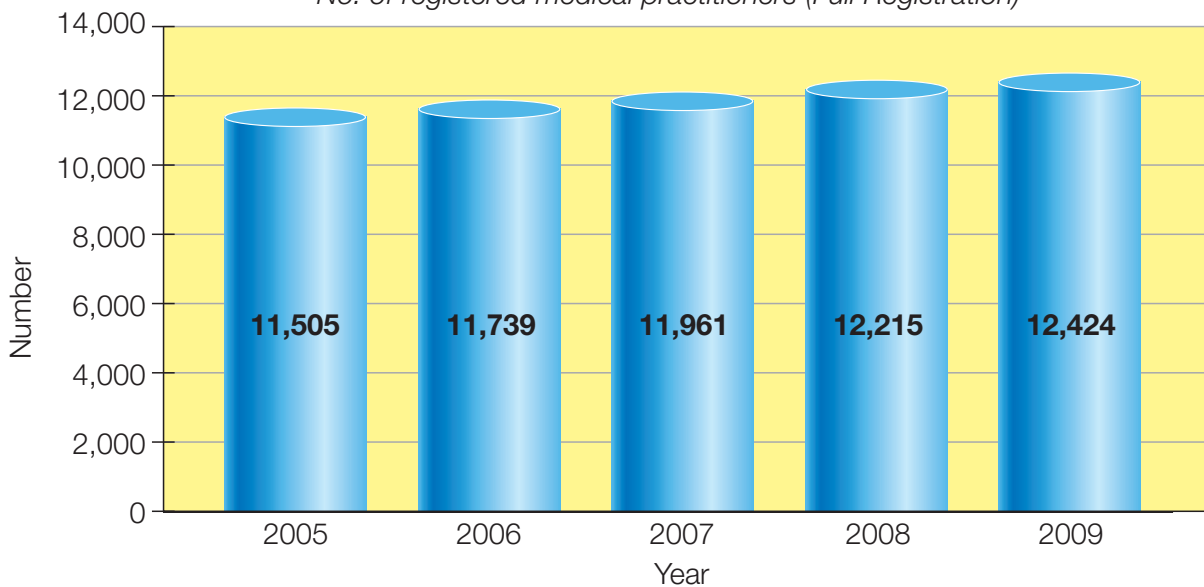


# Table 9

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

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (as at 31 Dec 2009)
<b>On the Resident List</b>	10,432	10,704	10,962	11,251	11,496
<b>On the Non-resident List</b>	1,073	1,035	999	964	928
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,505</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>11,961</b>	<b>12,215</b>	<b>12,424</b>

No. of registered medical practitioners (Full Registration)



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

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (as at 31 Dec 2009)
Promulgation No. 1	-	-	-	-	-
Promulgation No. 2	88	98	114	121	105
University of Hong Kong					
Chinese University of Hong Kong					
Hospital Authority					
Department of Health					
Promulgation No. 3	77	68	65	58	50
Promulgation No. 4	16	19	17	18	15
Promulgation No. 5	-	-	-	-	-
Promulgation No. 6	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>170</b>

# Table 10

## Breakdown of fresh registrations, renewal of limited registrations and restoration to the General Register

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (as at 31 Dec 2009)
Registration in Part II of the Register (Provisional registration for interns)	340	361	315	318	326	322	312	334	293	280
Registration in Part I of the Register (Full registration)	409	404	424	427	351	327	322	313	329	293
Registration and renewal in Part III of the Register (Limited registration)	227	234	238	196	196	207	202	218	197	170
Restoration to the Register	40	23	31	21	23*	31	20	24	41	31
<b>Total</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>	<b>889</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>774</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 2009)

	<b>No.</b>
1. Anaesthesiology	314
2. Intensive Care	16
3. Community Medicine	29
4. Emergency Medicine	208
5. Family Medicine	181
6. Obstetrics and Gynaecology	359
7. Ophthalmology	201
8. Orthopaedics & Traumatology	320
9. Otorhinolaryngology	129
10. Paediatrics	467
11. Pathology	134
12. Internal Medicine	101
13. Cardiology	167
14. Critical Care Medicine	35
15. Dermatology and Venereology	79
16. Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	74
17. Gastroenterology and Hepatology	113
18. Geriatric Medicine	94
19. Haematology and Haematological Oncology	38
20. Nephrology	96
21. Neurology	73
22. Respiratory Medicine	130
23. Rheumatology	43
24. Psychiatry	220
25. Radiology	230
26. Clinical Oncology	88
27. Nuclear Medicine	17
28. General Surgery	398
29. Urology	88
30. Neurosurgery	54
31. Cardio-thoracic Surgery	26
32. Plastic Surgery	48
33. Paediatric Surgery	24
34. Immunology and Allergy	3
35. Infectious Disease	18
36. Medical Oncology	22
37. Administrative Medicine	5
38. Public Health Medicine	33
39. Occupational Medicine	11
40. Anatomical Pathology	5
41. Chemical Pathology	7
42. Forensic Pathology	5
43. Haematology	6
44. Immunology	2
45. Clinical Microbiology & Infection	21
46. Palliative Medicine	7
47. Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	0
48. Rehabilitation	17
49. Gynaecological Oncology	2
50. Urogynaecology	2
51. Reproductive Medicine	6
52. Maternal and Fetal Medicine	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,766</b>