

The strength and niche of Hong Kong's medical and health services

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Hong Kong's Medical Reputation

- Good all along
- Better with HA
- Reinforced after SARS

Professional Training

- Excellent medical schools rank among the best in Asia.
- Structured post-internship specialist training.
- Specialist register open to all.
- Compulsory CME
- Upgrade to CPD?

Strength of private hospitals

- Easy access, zero waiting time.
- Free choice.
- Modern environment and facilities.
- Efficient services.
- External accreditation.

Weaknesses of private hospital services

- Lack transparency in clinical governance.
- Inadequate control over charges.
- Team approach seldom well organized.
- Solo practice limitations

What the visitor expects

- Reasonable and predictable charges.
- Good communication and easy information.
- Good outcome.
- Friendly immigration procedures.
- Accommodation support for relatives.

Publicize abroad

- Effective publicity
- Easy Liaison
- Code of practice restrictions?

Investing in medical services in China

- Establish centres of excellence in major cities
- Build name and trust
- Export management
- Support services

Medical and nursing manpower

- Preparing Hong Kong graduates for the national licensing examination and for practice in the Mainland.

Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Medical and Dental Services

1. majority of medical personnel employed by Hong Kong-Mainland joint venture hospitals or clinics can be Hong Kong permanent residents.

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2. Qualified Hong Kong doctors can provide short-term medical services in the Mainland for a maximum of 3 years, 2 years more than the current practice.

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3. Hong Kong permanent residents who have satisfied certain professional qualifications or conditions for practising are permitted to sit the Mainland's qualification examination and will be granted a "medical practitioner's qualification certificate" upon passing the examination.

Future of Medical Graduates

- Limited training opportunities
- Saturated private sector
- Dim promotional prospects
- Can we help?

Thank you.