

AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

COMPOSITION OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG

DISCUSSION PROPOSALS

Medical Council of Hong Kong



Missions of MCHK

**Ensuring Justice
Maintaining Professionalism
Protecting the Public**



Composition of MCHK

**Composition of MCHK
should reflect its missions**



Existing Composition of MCHK

24
doctors
(86%)


10
nominated doctor members

appointed by Chief Executive (CE)
(authority delegated to
Secretary for Food and Health (SFH))

- 2 nominated by Director of Health (DoH) 
- 2 nominated by Hospital Authority (HA) 
- 2 nominated by Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) 
- 2 nominated by Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) 
- 2 nominated by University of Hong Kong (HKU) 

14
elected doctor members

7 
elected by all doctors

7 
elected by the Council of
Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA)

4
lay
(14%)

4
appointed by CE
(authority delegated to SFH)


28 members

14 appointed members

14 elected members

Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016 (MR(A)Bill 2016)

Original Proposal and CSAs proposed by the Government

Objective of MR(A)Bill 2016

Increase lay participation in MCHK to enhance its accountability, transparency and credibility

Concerns raised during LegCo deliberation of the Bill

Patient rights and consumer rights should be well represented in MCHK

Concerns raised by some medical organisations

Maintaining ratio of 1:1 between elected members and appointed members

Original proposal of MR(A)Bill 2016

- Increasing the no. of lay members appointed by CE from 4 (14%) to 8 (25%)

Government's CSAs to MR(A)Bill 2016

- Setting out that among the 4 additional lay members,
 - 3 members to be elected by patient organisations
 - 1 member to be nominated by the Consumer Counciland then appointed by CE

Government's CSAs to MR(A)Bill 2016

- Two Council members currently nominated by HKAM shall be elected in accordance with its rules and regulations in order to maintain equal no. of elected members (16) and appointed members (16) in MCHK. Appointment by CE is not required.

Proposed Composition of MCHK

Key Principles

Protecting
public
interest

Ensuring
independence
of MCHK
operation

Upholding
professional
autonomy

Maintaining
public trust of
MCHK

Composition of MCHK Discussion Proposals

Public concerns on the
composition of MCHK



Starting with the
original proposal
of 2016 MR(A)Bill /
Government's CSAs



Discussion proposals on the composition of MCHK

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**Increasing lay participation and
the relevant composition**

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**Examining the composition of
doctor members in MCHK**

Increasing Lay Participation Discussion Proposals

Issue(s)/Concern(s)

- MCHK's mission is to **protect public interest**
- **Insufficient** lay members (4) and **proportion (14%)** in MCHK at present
- Should increase lay participation in MCHK to enhance its **credibility** and **accountability**

Original proposal of MR(A)Bill 2016

- Increasing the no. of lay members from 4 (14%) to 8 (25%)

- ✓ *Community at large supported increasing lay members*
- ✓ *Majority of doctors did not oppose increasing lay members*

Discussion proposal(s)

- Increasing the no. of lay members from 4 (14%) to 8 (25%)

Other view(s)

- Increasing the no. of lay members up to half of the composition

Composition of Additional Lay Members

Discussion Proposals

Issue(s)/Concern(s)

- Patient organisations and Consumer Council should be well represented in MCHK
- Additional lay members should be elected to the Council as far as possible and there should be clearer election procedures

Government's CSAs to MR(A)Bill 2016

- Setting out that among the 4 additional lay members,
 - 3 members to be elected by the patient organisations
 - 1 member to be nominated by the Consumer Counciland then appointed by CE

Discussion proposal(s)

- Setting out that among the 4 additional lay members,
 - 3 members to be elected by the patient organisations
 - 1 member to be nominated by the Consumer Council
- Appointment by CE is not required
- Election arrangement shall be prescribed in subsidiary legislation
- MCHK shall be empowered to recognize patient organisations and conduct election

Examining Composition of MCHK Doctor Members

Discussion Proposals

Issue(s)/Concern(s)

- Some medical organisations proposed that the no. of elected members and appointed members should be equal, and they recently proposed that elected doctor members should account for half of MCHK membership
- Some patient organisations oppose a further increase in the no. of doctor members (appointed or elected)
- HKAM is a statutory body which is responsible for medical specialist training and granting of specialist qualifications. Having regard to the principle of professional autonomy and the structure of HKAM, HKAM shall elect two doctors to be MCHK members in accordance with its rules and regulations

Government CSAs of the MR(A)Bill 2016

- Two Council members currently nominated by HKAM shall be elected in accordance with its rules and regulations. Appointment by CE is not required

✓ ↑ no. of elected members

✓ elected doctor members account for half of MCHK membership (50%)

Discussion Proposal(s)

- Two Council members currently nominated by HKAM shall be elected in accordance with its rules and regulations. Appointment by CE is not required

Other view(s)

Increasing the no. of doctor members correspondingly (e.g. "4+4" or "6+6" proposals)

4 nominated members (HKU, CUHK, DH and HA one each) converted to elected members

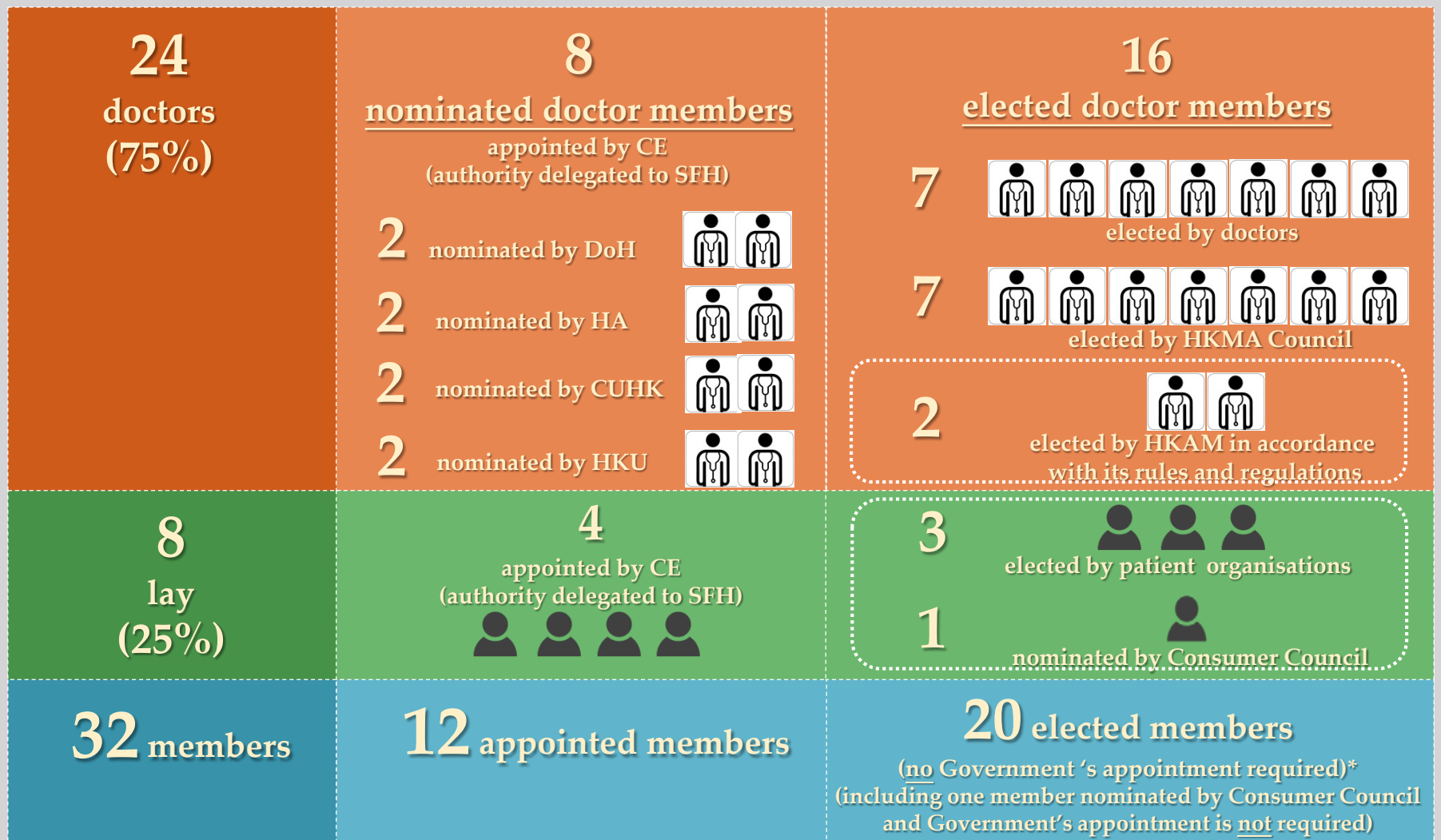
2 members nominated by HA converted to elected members

2 nominated members (DH and HA one each) converted to elected members

Members elected by HKMA Council converted to members elected by all doctors

Increasing the no. of members from HKAM

Discussion Proposals on Composition of MCHK



Discussion Proposals on Composition of MCHK

	Existing Proportion to total no. of members (%) (Total: 28 members)	Discussion Proposals Proportion to total no. of members (%) (Total: 32 members)
Doctor members	86% (24 doctors)	75% (24 doctors)
Lay members	14% (4 lay)	25% (8 lay)
Elected doctor members	50% (14 doctors)	50% (16 doctors)
Elected members (doctors and lay) <small>*no Government's appointment required</small>	50% (14)	approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ (20) <small>*(including one member nominated by Consumer Council and Government's appointment is not required)</small>
Appointed members (doctors and lay)	50% (14)	approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ (12)

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