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Dear Sir,

Re: Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities Consultation

The Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (HKCOG) welcomes that private healthcare facilities are regulated and monitored. It is important for sustained development of the private medical sector in Hong Kong. Under modern day principles of safety and risk management, it is also appropriate that childbirth facilities are all located inside regulated hospital structures.

The Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has operated a service accreditation program for services in obstetrics and gynaecology for many years. Aspects surveyed cover hardware, manpower, audits, governance and risk management. It is a program continually updated under the Quality Assurance Committee of our College. It is not a mandatory program yet.

The current President of HKCOG is also a Hong Kong Surveyor of the ACHS(I) hospital accreditation system. The College may give an opinion that the accreditation scheme of HKCOG is clinically oriented to service scope under one specialty. A hospital-wide accreditation scheme is more directed at hospital-wide administration and governance.

The College strongly advises that a private delivery suite needs accreditation by our College, and would recommend to the Bureau,

"that hospitals operating private obstetric delivery services are required to attain accreditation by the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, or a body of equivalent standing to provide a scheme covering similar aspects in obstetrics".

Yours sincerely,

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