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Continuing Professional Development Accreditation Committee (CAC)

8.1 The 3-year voluntary Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme for practising dentists commencing 1 July 2002 was completed on 30 June 2005. Following a review of the programme by the Dental Council, a new 2 1/2 years Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme for practising dentists has commenced on 1 July 2005 and continues to be on a voluntary basis.

8.2 A total of 671 registered dentists who had attained at least 45 CME points as at 30 June 2005 have each been awarded a CME Certificate by the Dental Council. They are allowed to display the CME Certificate inside their practices and to include in their visiting cards and letterheads the title "CPD-certified (7/2005 - 12/2007)".

8.3 The new CPD Programme with a new set of guidelines continues to adopt a 'credit-point system' with credit points awarded for participation in CPD activities recognized by the Dental Council. A minimum of 45 credit points have to be accumulated over the 2 1/2 years cycle ending 31 December 2007.

8.4 As in the past, all registered dentists, including those deemed-to-be registered but excluding those on the overseas list, can enrol in the CPD Programme. Fellows of the HKAM who can fulfill the HKAM's CME/CPD requirements will be regarded as having met the CPD requirements of the Dental Council at the end of the 2 1/2 years cycle.

8.5 A CPD Accreditation Committee (CAC) has been set up to monitor and review the CPD Programme. Its terms of reference are as follows :

- (a) to monitor the process of accreditation of CPD activities;
- (b) to recommend CPD Programme Providers, CPD Programme Accreditors and CPD Programme Administrators for approval by the Dental Council;
- (c) to recommend award of the CPD certificate for approval by the Dental Council; and
- (d) to conduct review of the CPD Programme for practising dentists.

8.6 The CAC comprises of the following representatives -

- (a) three representatives from the Dental Council and one of them shall be the CAC Chairman ;
- (b) a representative from the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong (CDSHK) ;
- (c) a representative from the Hong Kong Dental Association (HKDA) ; and
- (d) a representative from the Faculty of Dentistry, the University of Hong Kong (HKU).

8.7 The membership of the CAC is as follows -

Dr Lee Kwing-hong, JP (Chairman)

Prof. Anne Sinclair McMillan

Dr Chan Kin-keung, Eugene

Prof. Erik Urban Oskar Hagg (HKU)

Dr Hui Kwok-kuen, Kenneth (CDSHK)

Dr Jin Li Jian (HKDA) (up to 2.5.2005)

Dr Leung Fun-shing, Vincent (HKDA)
(since 1.7.2005)

8.8 Upon the recommendations of the CAC, the following CPD Programme Accreditors, CPD Programme Administrators and CPD Programme Providers have been appointed by the Dental Council -

CPD Programme Accreditors

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Dental Association

CPD Programme Administrators

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Dental Association

Department of Health

CPD Programme Providers

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Dental Association

Department of Health

Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Hong Kong Endodontic Society

Hong Kong Prosthetic Dentistry Society

Hong Kong Society of Hospital Dentistry

Hong Kong Society of Oral Implantology

Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists

Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry

Hong Kong Society of Periodontology

Hong Kong Society for Sedation and Anaesthesia in Dentistry

8.9 The CAC conducts regular reviews of the voluntary CPD Programme at 6-month intervals. As at 31 December 2005, 692 registered dentists had enrolled in the Programme and 496 of them attained 9 credit points or more by participating in various types of CPD activities organized by the CPD Programme Providers.