



Statistics

Table I

Number of meetings, consultations and briefings held in 2003

Number of meetings, consultations and briefings	
Chinese Medicine Council meetings	4
Hearings of appeals to Chinese Medicine Council	67
Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board meetings	13
Special meetings of Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board	2
Registration and disciplinary hearings of Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board	25
Registration Committee meetings	14
Examination Committee meetings	7
Disciplinary Committee of Chinese Medicine Practitioners meetings	13
Committee on Assessment of Chinese Medicine Degree Courses meetings	3
Chinese Medicines Board meetings	8
Chinese Medicines Committee meetings	13
Chinese Medicines Traders Committee meetings	25
Regulatory Committee of Chinese Medicines Traders meetings	0
Briefings on continuing education in Chinese medicine and licensing examination of CMPs	4
Meetings of liaison group for reference guide on issuance of sick leave certificates by registered CMPs	5
Consultations and briefings on licensing of Chinese medicines traders	9
Consultations and briefings on registration of pCm	6

Table II

Statistics on disciplinary cases against Chinese medicine practitioners received in 2003

Nature ([†] Remarks)	No. of cases (Year 2003)	Cases not to be further processed	Cases with advisory letters issued	Cases referred to Practitioners Board for inquiry	Cases carried forward to 2004
(i) Professional Responsibility	2	0	0	0	2
(ii) Professional Ethics	14	5	0	0	9
(iii) Practising Criteria	38	14	0	0	24
(iv) Medical Practice	41	16	0	1	24
(v) Practice Promotion	226	38	82	7	99
Total	321	73	82	8	158



Remarks

(i) Professional Responsibility:

CMPs should be professionally responsible to patients, explain patiently to patients about their medical conditions, work to improve professional standards, ensure their professional capability is not affected when performing professional duties; and make medical referrals when necessary.

(ii) Professional Ethics:

CMPs should not abuse their professional position; should not to misuse or disclose information obtained from patients; and should not receive payment by way of commission, rebate or otherwise for patient referrals. They should choose the medicines or apparatus that will best serve the medical interest of patients. CMPs should not disparage other CMPs and should not flaunt themselves.

(iii) Practising Criteria:

CMPs should display notifications to Listed Chinese Medicine Practitioner/practising certificates at a conspicuous place in the clinic. CMPs should set up, and maintain, personal medical records for patients under their care; should refrain from prescribing excessive medicines; should ensure that all issued prescriptions are clear and legible; and should ensure that the issue of prescriptions complies, with the Code of Practice. Listed CMPs must not prescribe herbal medicines listed in Schedule I of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance. CMPs must not issue professional documents that are untruthful or misleading.

(iv) Medical Practice

CMPs can only use the relevant diagnostic techniques after passing the professional assessment. CMPs are required to act in accordance with the requirements of the relevant medical legislation. CMPs should adopt treatment methods on the basis of Traditional Chinese Medicine and should not use other treatment methods, as provided under laws concerning other medical and healthcare professions.

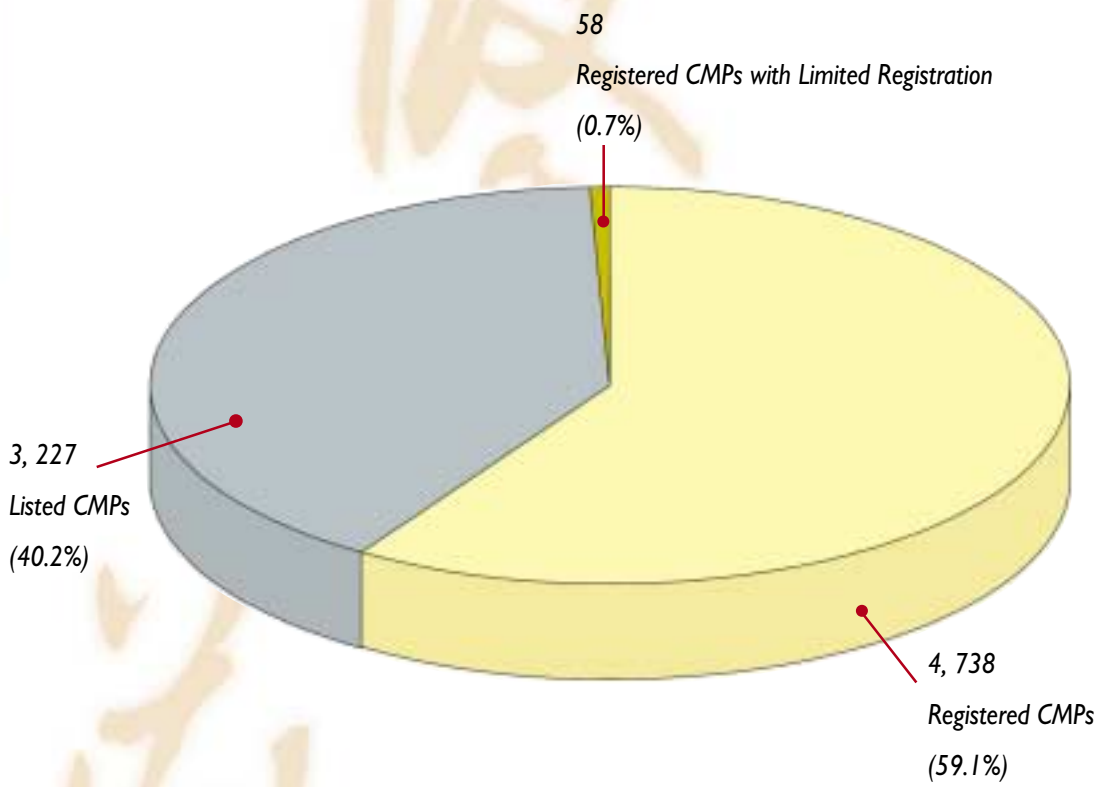
(v) Practice Promotion

CMPs should only provide accurate information (in accordance with the Code of Practice) via promotional means, such as signs, signboards, stationery, newspaper announcements, telephone directories and internet websites, etc.

Chart 1

Statistics on numbers of Registered CMPs and Listed CMPs (as at 31 December 2003)

Number of CMPs(CMP) in Hong Kong: 8,023



Number of Registered CMPs: 4,738

