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HKSH Cardiology Centre Joins Hands with Li Ka Shing Foundation to Safeguard Heart Health

“Transcatheter Cardiovascular Interventions Subsidy Scheme” is Now Open for Applications

(25 February 2025, Hong Kong) The HKSH Cardiology Centre and HKSH Cardiac Catheterization & Intervention Centre, established in 2004, have long been at the forefront of cutting-edge technology in cardiac diagnosis and treatment technologies. Through the introduction of state-of-the-art equipment and techniques, advancement of clinical research, and facilitation of professional training and exchange, the Centres have established themselves as pioneering cardiac facilities in Hong Kong and the Greater China region, delivering excellence in comprehensive cardiac care services.

Committed to enhancing public heart health awareness, the HKSH Cardiology Centre has introduced the “Transcatheter Cardiovascular Interventions Subsidy Scheme” (“the Scheme”), with generous donations from the Li Ka Shing Foundation (LKSF) since 2018, to provide financial assistance to patients in need of procedures related to heart diseases.

Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group (“HKSH”) and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, is grateful for the generous donations from LKSF, as patients with financial difficulties could undergo sophisticated treatments at HKSH with subsidies under the Scheme.

Dr. Vincent KWOK, Director of HKSH Cardiology Centre and HKSH Cardiac Catheterization & Intervention Centre, remarked, “We are privileged to collaborate with LKSF in safeguarding community health. With more than 100 patients benefitting from the scheme, the impact has been truly encouraging.” Dr. Kwok also expressed his gratitude to his team members for their dedicated service over the past two decades, “Their collective efforts have been instrumental in advancing cardiac treatment and raising public awareness of heart health. We remain committed to further enhancing our services and bringing new hope to patients of heart diseases.”

The “Transcatheter Cardiovascular Interventions Subsidy Scheme” provides financial assistance to patients in need of four major sophisticated procedures related to heart diseases: blocked coronary arteries, severe aortic stenosis or regurgitation, leaky mitral or tricuspid valve, and non-valvular atrial fibrillation. Under this Scheme, LKSF covers the cost of the procedure including the surgical implants, while HKSH and attending doctors provide concessionary rates in hospital and consultation charges.

Over the past six years since its launch, the Scheme has received HK\$30 million of donation from LKSF. To date, the Scheme has supported over 100 patients, including 68 cases of coronary stenting procedure, 20 cases of transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI), 11 cases of transcatheter mitral/tricuspid valve edge-to-edge repair (Clip), and 10 cases of left atrial appendage occlusion (LAAO). Each of them received a subsidy from HK\$180,000 to HK\$500,000, depending on the procedures they received. Though the subsidies did not cover surgical expenses in full, the Scheme has undoubtedly relieved the financial burden of patients undergoing procedures involving relatively expensive implants such as stent,

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artificial valve, and clip.

With advancements in minimally invasive catheter technology and high-tech precision cardiac implantable devices, severe conditions can now be treated through minimally invasive catheter intervention. These conditions include severe aortic stenosis or regurgitation, leaky mitral or tricuspid valve, and high stroke risk from non-valvular atrial fibrillation. Procedures such as transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI), transcatheter mitral/tricuspid valve edge-to-edge repair (Clip), and left atrial appendage occlusion (LAAO) are less traumatic yet highly effective treatment options for patients unsuitable for open-heart surgery or long-term medication.

Patient's sharing

Mr. YEUNG, aged 67, is one of the beneficiaries of the HKSH and LKSF “Transcatheter Cardiovascular Interventions Subsidy Scheme”. Diagnosed with heart murmur several years ago with increased shortness of breath and decreased exercise capacity, his condition showed no improvement despite medication. Even mild physical activities like climbing stairs caused severe shortness of breath. Due to his persistent condition, he was referred to HKSH Cardiology Centre.

Mr. YEUNG was diagnosed with severe aortic valve stenosis after comprehensive assessment in the HKSH Cardiology Centre. He then received approximately HK\$500,000 in subsidies from the “Transcatheter Cardiovascular Interventions Subsidy Scheme” and underwent TAVI in January 2024. The procedure was performed using minimally invasive techniques, and he was discharged within a week.

One year post-surgery, Mr. YEUNG has experienced significant improvement in his quality of life, “I can now climb stairs and even go hiking with ease. Given my financial situation, I might have missed the opportunity to receive medical treatment if I had to bear the full surgical costs. This Subsidy Scheme has provided timely assistance to many cardiac patients in need and restored our health.”

Applications for the Subsidy Scheme Continue in 2025

The Scheme continues to accept applications referred by cardiologists. The applications will be assessed and approved by the medical team of the HKSH Cardiology Centre based on patients' condition, financial needs, and the anticipated improvements in their quality of life after operations.

Interested parties may contact [HKSH Cardiology Centre](#) or email to: **HKSH and LKSF “Transcatheter Cardiovascular Interventions Subsidy Scheme”**: LKSFSS-enquiry@hksh.com

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For more information:

[20th Anniversary of Cardiology Centre and Cardiac Catheterization & Intervention Centre](#)
[HKSH and LKSF “Transcatheter Cardiovascular Interventions Subsidy Scheme”](#)

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Officially launched in September 2017, HKSH Medical Group promotes public health and advanced medicine through a multi-faceted, coordinated approach across clinical services, medical education, scientific research and public health education. Members of the Group, including Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, HKSH Healthcare and HKSH Eastern Medical Centre, are dedicated to offering top-quality holistic care to patients, upholding the motto 'Quality in Service, Excellence in Care.'

Established in 1922, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital is one of the key members of HKSH Medical Group and a leading private hospital in Hong Kong. Living up to its motto of 'Quality in Service, Excellence in Care', the Hospital is committed to serving the public as well as promoting medical education and research.

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Photos



HKSH has collaborated with LKSF to provide subsidies through the “Transcatheter Cardiovascular Interventions Subsidy Scheme” for eligible patients in need since 2018.

Applications are now open for 2025.

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Dr. Vincent KWOK (front row, fifth from the right), Director of HKSH Cardiology Centre and HKSH Cardiac Catheterization & Intervention Centre, expressed his gratitude to his team members for their dedicated service over the past two decades. He emphasised the Centres' ongoing commitment to further enhancing the services and bringing new hope to patients of heart diseases.

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Over 200 guests from the medical, nursing, technological and pharmaceutical sectors attended the HKSH Cardiology Centre and Cardiac Catheterization & Intervention Centre 20th Anniversary Oration on 15 November 2024, celebrating two decades of cardiac care excellence serving Hong Kong and the region. Looking ahead, the Centres reaffirm the commitment to pioneering advancements in cardiac care through cutting-edge technology and innovative medical solutions for the benefit of the community.

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