



eHRSS – Engaging Private Hospitals

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Riding on the success of the Clinical Management System in the Hospital Authority, the government has put in great effort and resources to realize the grand vision of a common sharing platform across public and private providers on patient information through the eHRSS project. Major inroads have been achieved in establishing the legal, political and technical foundations upon which the system can be built in a stepwise manner. A key success factor would be the participation of private hospitals. While all have signed on to join the first phase of the project involving patient identification and allergy alert, teething issues remain to be ironed out. There are system challenges in continued rollout of the other major functions, which the public will naturally expect. It is important to understand the opportunities offered by existing and potential incentive mechanisms, as well as the threats of disincentives and difficulties. Success depends on good leadership, intelligent prioritization, careful follow through, and leverage of the market force. This is certainly an area that Hong Kong can lead the world, and make it a pride of our city.