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When Chinese Medicine meets Electronic Health Record

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In Hong Kong, Chinese medicine practitioners (CMPs) are the principal alternative primary care provider outside the mainstream Western medicine (WM) system. Many patients use both systems in parallel, taking western medicine to suppress symptoms and Chinese medicine to restore the body to its natural balance. Traditional Chinese medicine is an integral part of the local life. Although the Hong Kong public healthcare system has fully adopted the western medical practices for centuries, it is gradually integrating traditional Chinese medicine into its services. As Chinese medicine is more commonly used in Hong Kong, its role in the local healthcare system is becoming increasingly prominent. For the Stage Two eHR Programme, one of the major targets is to broaden the scope of data sharing and develop the technical capability for sharing Chinese medicine information. However, with the complex nature of Chinese medicine, it is challenging, particularly in the standardisation of information and the computerisation of health records in Chinese medicine sector.

