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HKSH Medical Group Marks a New Milestone in Liver Cancer Care with Li Ka Shing Foundation's Donation of Histotripsy 2.0 System

(29 April 2025, Hong Kong) HKSH Medical Group (HKSH) is pleased to announce the generous donation of the revolutionary Histotripsy 2.0 system by the Li Ka Shing Foundation (LKSF). This innovative, non-invasive liver cancer treatment, utilising high-intensity focused ultrasound to precisely target liver tumours, enhances HKSH's established capabilities in liver cancer care, offering patients even more targeted, comprehensive and personalised treatment options. Following meticulous preparations, specialised training, and rigorous clinical governance protocols, the dedicated team of HKSH Cancer Centre has launched the "Non-Invasive Liver Cancer Histotripsy Treatment Programme" with pre-treatment assessments began in mid-April, and the first Histotripsy procedure scheduled for early May, bringing more advanced treatment and disease management opportunities for liver cancer patients.

Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, said, "We sincerely thank the Li Ka Shing Foundation for its trust and support for HKSH, which reflects our shared commitment to advancing medical innovation in Hong Kong. HKSH has in place a robust array of comprehensive liver disease treatment options, including surgery, radiotherapy, thermal ablation, intra-arterial therapy, liver transplantation, targeted therapies and the introduction of the Greater Bay Area's first proton therapy system in 2023. Now with the Li Ka Shing Foundation's generous donation of the non-invasive liver cancer Histotripsy system, HKSH is equipped with a full spectrum of specialised liver disease treatment technologies, enabling our medical team to tailor the most appropriate, comprehensive, effective, and relatively lower-risk treatment plans based on each patient's unique conditions. Benefiting patients in Hong Kong, Asia, and the Greater China region has always been the mission of the Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation and HKSH."

Mr. Li Ka-shing, Chairman of the Li Ka Shing Foundation, having observed the Histotripsy 2.0 system for the first time ever said to Dr LI, "With such a good option, why not? HKSH providing this option is definitely a great news."

Data from the Hong Kong Cancer Registry indicates that liver cancer is the fifth most prevalent cancer in Hong Kong and the third leading cause of cancer-related mortality. In Mainland China, primary liver cancer is the second highest in both mortality figures and rates. Therefore, in addition to rigorous liver health monitoring, the development of advanced liver cancer treatment technologies is particularly crucial. **Dr LI** added, "Hong Kong is at the forefront in Asia for introducing the Histotripsy system, and HKSH is proud to be part of this significant milestone. HKSH has long been committed to leveraging cutting-edge equipment and training highly experienced medical professionals. We are confident that the introduction and widespread adoption of the Histotripsy system will further benefit cancer patients locally, across Asia, and beyond."

Non-Invasive Liver Cancer Treatment to Pioneer Medical Innovation

The non-invasive Histotripsy represents a relatively lower-risk and highly effective breakthrough in liver cancer treatment, approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and supported by evidence-based research for clinical use in treating primary or metastatic liver cancer. It is also a viable option for patients unsuitable for surgical intervention or those for whom other liver cancer treatments have been ineffective. The Histotripsy 2.0 system adopted by HKSH utilises high-intensity focused ultrasound to precisely target liver tumours, creating microbubbles within the tumour that rapidly expand and collapse, generating shockwaves that disrupt and liquefy the tumours. The entire procedure is guided by advanced real-time ultrasound imaging, ensuring precise targeting of the tumour while minimising impact on surrounding tissues, significantly reducing treatment side effects. As

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a non-invasive procedure, Histotripsy involves no radiation or thermal energy, allowing patients to undergo treatment with minimal discomfort and no surgical wounds. Most patients can be discharged the day following treatment based on medical advice.

Multidisciplinary Expertise and Advanced Technology to Achieve Precision Liver Cancer Treatment

The dedicated Histotripsy Team at HKSH comprises multidisciplinary medical professionals, including specialists in clinical oncology, medical oncology, surgery, and radiology, who have completed professional training in Hong Kong and the United States. With the official launch of the non-invasive Histotripsy system, HKSH Cancer Centre is now equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment technologies, offering comprehensive and advanced treatment options. These include surgery, thermal ablation, intra-arterial therapy (dual tracer PET/CT scanning combined with Yttrium-90 (Y-90) selective internal radiation therapy (SIRT) for advanced-stage liver cancer), proton therapy and stereotactic radiotherapy, immunotherapy, and targeted therapies. Regardless of a patient's eligibility for Histotripsy, the highly experienced medical team is committed to developing personalised, effective, and relatively lower-risk treatment plans tailored to each patient's needs.

To ensure that patients receive the most appropriate and relatively lower-risk treatment, all patients will initially undergo a comprehensive pre-treatment assessment at HKSH, including detailed ultrasound imaging and physical examinations. Only those deemed suitable patients will proceed to Histotripsy treatment. Both assessment and treatment procedures are offered under a package pricing scheme, providing patients with greater financial clarity when considering their options. In addition, eligible Hong Kong residents can enjoy a fee reduction for Histotripsy treatment, enabling more patients to benefit from this innovative therapy.

For enquiries or appointments regarding Histotripsy treatment, please contact HKSH Cancer Centre at (852) 5213 6365 (phone or WhatsApp), or visit HKSH website: <u>https://www.hksh.com/histotripsy/en/index.php</u>.

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About HKSH Medical Group

Officially launched in September 2017, HKSH Medical Group, through its operating members, adopts a multifaceted, coordinated approach to promote public health and advanced medicine through relentless efforts in clinical excellence, medical training and research as well as public health education. Members of the Group, including Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, HKSH Healthcare, HKSH Eastern Medical Centre and HKSH Cancer 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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About The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation

The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation was inaugurated in March 1963 to promote and support medical education, research and charity in Hong Kong. Since its inception, the not-for-profit Foundation has also been a major driving force of the development and improvement of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital as well as the HKSH Medical Group in terms of medical research, educational activities and service improvement.

For more information about HKSH Medical Group, please visit http://www.hksh.com.

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Accompanied by Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (right in front row), Dr. Joseph CHAN, Chief Medical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (5th from right in back row), and Dr. LAU Chor Chiu, Chief Medical Executive of HKSH Eastern Medical Centre and Assistant Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (2th from right in back row), and Dr. LAU Chor Chiu, Chief Medical Executive of HKSH Eastern Medical Centre and Assistant Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (4th from right in back row), Mr. Li Ka-shing, Chairman of the Li Ka Shing Foundation (left in front row), visited the Histotripsy 2.0 training and demonstration at the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital to understand more about the clinical applications of the system. Dr. Thomas LEUNG, Honorary Consultant in Hepatology, Comprehensive Oncology Centre, HKSH Cancer Centre (3rd from left in back row), Dr. Jimmy YUEN, Honorary Consultant in Radiology (Diagnostic), HKSH Department of Diagnostic & Interventional Radiology (3rd from right in back row) and Dr. Matt Brown, Regional Director of Education at HistoSonics, Inc. (2nd from left in back row), explained the clinical arrangements and treatment procedures. Team members who have finished the training also joined the session.

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Histotripsy treatment plan



For more details, please visit HKSH Histotripsy website at https://www.hksh.com/histotripsy/en/index.php.

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