



HKSH Clinical Trials Centre Accredited by National Medical Products Administration

The Clinical Trials Centre of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (HKSH) was recently accredited by National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) after a diligent inspection by NMPA and Department of Health of Hong Kong in April 2019.

HKSH Clinical Trials Centre, being the fourth NMPA-accredited centre and the first centre established by a private hospital in Hong Kong, has been acknowledged for fulfilling the requirements of NMPA and that the clinical data of the Oncology specialty of Comprehensive Oncology Centre will be acceptable for new drug assessments. The other three NMPA-accredited centres are Queen Mary Hospital and Prince of Wales Hospital, both of which are teaching hospitals in Hong Kong, and Hong Kong Eye Hospital.

“As a private hospital, we are proud of having received NMPA’s accreditation, which is a testimony to the competence and expertise of the Hospital in clinical research. The accreditation is attributed to the efforts of the colleagues at our Clinical Trials Centre and many other departments and centres, enabling us to better serve patients with quality care and sound research,” commended Dr. Walton LI, Medical Superintendent of HKSH.

With more than a decade of experience in conducting clinical research, the Hospital has always been committed to promoting medical technology, developing clinical research and promoting academic exchanges. To ensure that the clinical research are conducted in compliance with Good Clinical Practice (GCP) at the Hospital, the Hospital established the Ethics Committee (Research) comprising reputable persons and experts from academia, legal practice, medicine, pharmaceuticals and pastoral care, with Professor Rosie YOUNG, Emeritus Professor in the Department of Medicine at The University of Hong Kong, and Professor Grace TANG, Honorary Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at The University of Hong Kong, as the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively. The Committee is tasked with undertaking regular reviews of the clinical research projects to protect the rights of patients.

The Hospital has also installed a dedicated Drug Storage for clinical trials, which is in strict compliance with Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), where only authorised and GCP-accredited pharmacists are allowed to handle the drugs. All facilities and equipment related to clinical research will be regularly inspected to ensure accuracy, and the records and results of all clinical studies will be properly maintained.

“The rapid advancement of cancer treatment is driven by robust research, which will eventually bring hope and more treatment options to patients. Now that the Clinical Trials Centre of HKSH has been accredited by NMPA, we are honoured to make contributions to clinical trials in Oncology, benefitting more patients and future research,” said Dr. Raymond LIANG, Director of Comprehensive Oncology Centre of HKSH.



Dr. Thomas LEUNG, Director of Clinical Trials Centre of HKSH added: “With the NMPA accreditation, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital will be able to carry out NMPA-approved clinical trials in Oncology, and those findings and results will be recognised by NMPA. As always, the Clinical Trials Centre will continue to assist other research projects in the Hospital and bring forth improvement in patient care.”

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1. Representatives of HKSH with the inspection team of NMPA and Department of Health

