



Press Release

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Emphasises that Influenza Vaccination is Effective and Safe

(Hong Kong, 8 February 2018) In regard to some recent online opinions on the ineffectiveness of influenza vaccination, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (the “Academy”) emphasises that influenza vaccination is one of the most effective ways to prevent influenza and its complications.

Influenza illness can result in serious medical complications particularly in high-risk groups like young children and the elderly. Influenza vaccination is one of the most effective ways to prevent influenza and its complications. Influenza vaccine has been in use worldwide for many decades and there is plenty of scientific evidence to support its safety record when properly used. The vaccines used in Hong Kong, no matter it is from public or private sectors, do not contain mercury or aluminium.

Members of the public are advised to seek medical information from credible authorities and be on guard against rumours from doubtful sources.

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About Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

Established in 1993, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (the “Academy”) is an independent institution with statutory power to organise, monitor, assess and accredit all medical and dental specialist training and oversee the provision of continuing medical education (CME) and continuous professional development (CPD) in the territory. Within 15 constituent Colleges, there are now 67 specialties and subspecialties, with more than 7,500 Academy Fellows who are eligible for registration in the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong or Dental Council of Hong Kong.

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