



MPS rates: Hong Kong

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MEDICAL PROTECTION SOCIETY

Government and Hospital Authority Rates

Government and hospital authority doctors are entitled to apply for all the benefits of membership, except that indemnity would be limited to claims arising from duties performed under the terms and contracts of employment with the government or hospital authority, plus 'Good Samaritan' acts. Indemnity for work outside contracts of employment with the government/hospital authority is excluded.

Intern	(HGI) HK\$2,200
Medical Officer / Medical Officer Trainee	(HGM) HK\$4,500
Senior Medical Officer / Specialist	(HKS) HK\$7,285
Consultant / Professor / Director	(HKC) HK\$12,800

Private Hospital Rates

Obstetrics

If a General Practitioner carries out any planned deliveries then the intrapartum obstetric rate must be paid. A non-obstetric GP may look after a patient up to delivery, provided that the delivery itself takes place in a hospital under the care of an obstetrician or other suitably qualified person.

(MOB) HK\$209,500

Super High Risk

Cosmetic/aesthetic surgery (i.e. treatments or procedures which, in the opinion of the Council, have as their primary purpose, the alteration of the non-pathological external appearance of a patient); neurosurgery; plastic and reconstructive surgery; spinal surgery.

(SHS) HK\$174,500

Very High Risk

Gynaecology; trauma and orthopaedic surgery.

(VHR) HK\$162,015

High Risk

Cardiothoracic surgery; general surgery; ophthalmology with laser refractive surgery; otorhinolaryngology; paediatric surgery; urology; vascular surgery.

(MHR) HK\$94,660

Medium Risk

Accident and emergency; anaesthetics; cardiology; oral and maxillo-facial surgery; radiology; radiotherapy.

(MMR) HK\$39,640

Low Risk

Community/family medicine; dermatology, endocrinology; gastroenterology; geriatric medicine; haematology; immunology; infectious diseases; nephrology; neurology; nuclear medicine; occupational health; oncology; ophthalmology with no laser refractive surgery – except cataracts; paediatrics; palliative medicine; pathology; pharmaceutical physician; psychiatry; rehabilitation medicine; renal medicine; respiratory medicine; rheumatology; sports medicine.

(MLR) HK\$20,865

GP Risk with no obstetrics or cosmetics – consultative office procedures and assisting.

This rate is for GPs who perform the usual range of routine, minor procedures, usually in their own rooms, under local (if any) anaesthesia (including finger and toe blocks). E.g. injections, excisions, curette cauterization, cryocautery, nasal cautery and IUD insertion.

(PGP) HK\$24,770

GP Risk with obstetrics or cosmetics

Family practitioners who undertake common and routine minor procedures, but also some cosmetic/aesthetic procedures i.e. minor non-invasive aesthetic procedures such as Botox and chemical peels. (If more than 50% of patients seen are for aesthetic practice then the full cosmetic rate applies).

(PGO) HK\$54,810

Non-clinical

(NSM) HK\$8,815

Physiotherapist

(PHY) HK\$3,535

Dietician

(DTC) HK\$3,535

Occupational Therapist

(OCU) HK\$3,215

Student

FREE

Benefits of membership and contact details overleaf

Benefits of membership

Assistance is provided at the discretion of the MPS Council under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, which set out in formal terms the broad areas in which we can provide assistance to members. Our remit is to help you with medico-legal problems **that arise from your clinical and professional practice**. For example:

Complete indemnity

If you face a negligence claim, we can help by providing complete indemnity. You would bear none of the legal costs involved, nor the costs if compensation is awarded against you or agreed in an out-of-court settlement. Moreover, there is no upper limit on the total costs we will meet, nor is there any excess to pay.

These benefits are personal to you, but indemnity may, depending on the circumstances, be extended to an employee.

Occurrence-based indemnity

Legal action for clinical negligence is rarely taken soon after the event. Typically, a claim will be made two or three years after the incident that gave rise to it. In some cases the claim may even be made decades after the event.

Because we believe that it is in the best interests of both the practitioner and the patient, we strongly recommend occurrence-based indemnity. This means that you and your estate have access to indemnity to meet the costs of clinical negligence claims relating to incidents that occur during your period of membership regardless of when the claim is brought against you – even if it is years after you leave MPS or cease to practise for any reason. This ensures that funds are available to compensate patients no matter what your circumstances at the time of the claim.

It also protects your heirs from the burden of paying adverse awards for damages that may be made after your death.

Legal representation

MPS has a long history in the medico-legal field and an important part of our service to members is the quality of legal advice and assistance we provide. We do not confine ourselves to representation in the civil courts, but are also available to give advice and legal assistance in a wide range of circumstances including disciplinary hearings, medical council investigations and proceedings, boards of inquiry, inquests, defamation actions, courts martial and criminal manslaughter trials.

Our in-house advisers are doctors who are trained in medico-legal issues and we employ the services of first-class legal practitioners specialising in medical litigation.

Good Samaritan acts

In the unlikely event that you are sued as a result of a Good Samaritan act, you can apply for assistance from MPS, no matter where in the world the action is taken.

Law and ethics

We can help you to resolve specific ethical and medico-legal dilemmas as they arise in your everyday practice. For example, you can ask for our help in dealing with the legal and ethical aspects of consent and confidentiality, writing medico-legal reports, appearing in court, and so on.

MPS journal

All members receive the MPS journal, Casebook, containing advice on risk management and news of developments in the legal field that may affect their practice.

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