



MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

"....I have come so that they may
have life and have it **to the full.**"

[The Gospel of John 10:10]

4.1 GENERAL REMARKS

The Medical Services Division ("the Division") provides in-patient hospital service, and out-patient medical / dental care to the community. The following services are provided by the Division:

Hospital Services	Clinic Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caritas Medical Centre<ul style="list-style-type: none">- opened on 17 December 1964- under administration of the Hospital Authority since 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three Medical Clinics at Caine Road, Ngau Tau Kok and Tsuen Wan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canossa Hospital (Caritas)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- founded in 1929 by the Canossian Daughters of Charity- under administration of Caritas since 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four Dental Clinics at Aberdeen, Caine Road, Ngau Tau Kok and Tsuen Wan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Precious Blood Hospital (Caritas)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- established by the Sisters of the Precious Blood in 1937- become part of the Caritas family since 1993	

4.2 HOSPITAL SERVICES

CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE Highlights of the Year

- (1) Starting from July 2019, a 24-hour Intravenous Thrombolytic Therapy Service for acute Ischaemic stroke patients through cluster-based network has been provided.



Acute Stroke Unit

- (2) Starting from October 2019, the Palliative Care Service was enhanced by adding 14 in-patient beds and 4 day-patient beds.
- (3) Following the escalating of the Preparedness and Response Plan of the territory to Emergency Response Level on 25 January 2020, various contingency measures were activated. Infectious Disease Ward was opened on 27 January 2020 for admission of COVID-19 cases and a Surveillance Ward has also been set up since 14 February 2020 for management of laboratory surveillance cases. Other special arrangements such as postponing elective surgeries to focus the resources on emergency and essential clinical services were adopted.



CANOSSA HOSPITAL (CARITAS)

Highlights of the Year

Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Accreditation

The Accreditation was carried out from 19 June 2019 to 21 June 2019. The Hospital has been awarded 4 years of Accreditation with 6 Extensive Achievements/Distinction (EA) for the criteria.

90th Anniversary Celebration



Family Fun Day was organized by staff on 7 July 2019 to increase public awareness of health maintenance and disease prevention strategies



Kick-off Ceremony by Professor Sofia Chan Siu Chee JP, Cardinal John Tong, Rev Joseph Yim, Sr Regina But and Senior Management Team

Together We Fight against COVID-19 Campaign

A talk on Severe Respiratory Disease Associated with a Novel Infectious Agent & Infection Control was held on 31 January 2020 and 4 February 2020.

PRECIOUS BLOOD HOSPITAL (CARITAS)

Highlights of the Year

Service Development

- (1) NaProTECHNOLOGY - Natural Reproductive Service in Out-patient Service Department was launched in August 2019, aiming at treating infertility with natural contraception and promoting women health.
- (2) HPV Self-sampling - HPV Self-sampling Test Kit from Europe was introduced to help medical professionals to identify cervical cancer for early treatment.
- (3) Rapid COVID-19 Test - The test, in types of antibody or PCR, was started in February 2020 to screen the infected cases in the community.
- (4) Health Education via Webinars - The Obstetric & Gynaecology and Outpatient Department conducted seven webinars in cooperation with the local organizations to provide health education to 1,600 attendants.



Community Programme

- (1) Grassroots Health Check Scheme - In collaboration with Caritas Community Development Service, the Scheme aims to provide vaccination, health screening and follow-up service to 130 low income people residing in West Kowloon area.
- (2) Consultation Fee Exemption Scheme - The Scheme aims to encourage the elderly to seek medical advice when feeling sick during the pandemic of COVID-19.

4.3 CLINIC SERVICES

Highlights of the Year

Outreach Dental Service (Government Subvention)

A total of 1,573 elders residing in 17 designated elderly homes and day care centres were served during the year.

Free Body Check-up Service for the Elderly

With the continuous support from The Community Chest of Hong Kong, 150 chronic patients over 60 had received free laboratory tests covering 10 items.

Caritas Ngau Tau Kok Dental Clinic

With the support from the S.K. Yee Medical Foundation, a new Orthopantomography X-Ray diagnostic apparatus was installed.

