

**Number of patients granted medical fee waiver
by the Hospital Authority**

Year	Number of patients			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 or above	Total
2002 (April to December)	11 482	18 279	85 110	114 871
2003	14 904	23 697	106 162	144 763
2004	18 441	28 312	121 852	168 605
2005	20 618	31 054	128 259	179 931
2006	21 073	30 182	129 307	180 562
2007	21 649	28 768	130 706	181 123
2008	22 128	27 070	131 270	180 468
2009	23 897	26 965	133 598	184 460
2010 (January to June)	20 525	22 244	120 901	163 670