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**Table 1**

Additional pharmacists and dispensers employed by Hospital Authority  
from 2003-04 to 2011-12

Year	Manpower growth as at March 31 each year	
	No. of pharmacists	No. of dispensers
2003-2004	52	0
2004-2005	17	0
2005-2006	16	6
2006-2007	6	5
2007-2008	13	24
2008-2009	18	32
2009-2010	27	30
2010-2011	11	22
2011-2012	53	26

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Table 2

Average waiting time for Hospital Authority's drug dispensing services in specialist out-patient clinics (SOPCs) from 2004-05 to 2011-12

Year	Average waiting time for Hospital Authority's drug dispensing services in SOPCs
2004-2005	37.6 mins
2005-2006	28.4 mins
2006-2007	27.4 mins
2007-2008	31.4 mins
2008-2009	32.6 mins
2009-2010	41.2 mins
2010-2011	41.7 mins
2011-2012	41.3 mins

Note 1 : The dispensing system and workflow of the General Outpatient Clinics (GOPCs) pharmacies are different from those of SOPCs pharmacies. Hospital Authority is unable to provide the overall average waiting time for drug dispensing services in GOPCs.

Note 2 : HA does not maintain information on the average waiting time for drug dispensing services in the SOPCs in 2003-04.