

Annex**Number of new case bookings at the Hospital Authority (HA)'s Specialist Out-patient Clinics (SOPCs) from 2020/21 to 2022/23**

Specialty	Number of new case bookings at the SOPCs								
	2020/21			2021/22			2022/23 (Provisional)		
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Routine cases	Priority 1	Priority 2	Routine cases	Priority 1	Priority 2	Routine cases
Ear, Nose, Throat	14 076 (15%)	17 533 (19%)	62 086 (66%)	14 195 (15%)	17 844 (19%)	61 151 (66%)	13 347 (15%)	17 014 (19%)	60 307 (67%)
Ophthalmology	42 028 (34%)	23 755 (19%)	59 246 (47%)	42 817 (31%)	31 169 (22%)	65 936 (47%)	43 169 (30%)	30 079 (21%)	68 805 (48%)
Gynaecology	8 293 (15%)	7 378 (13%)	40 297 (71%)	8 366 (14%)	8 228 (13%)	43 938 (72%)	8 054 (14%)	8 163 (14%)	41 031 (70%)
Medicine	11 406 (8%)	25 282 (17%)	107 213 (73%)	12 783 (8%)	27 499 (16%)	124 286 (74%)	10 944 (7%)	24 563 (17%)	110 457 (75%)
Orthopaedics & Traumatology	15 131 (15%)	13 670 (13%)	72 894 (71%)	15 300 (14%)	14 269 (13%)	77 398 (72%)	15 809 (15%)	13 662 (13%)	73 168 (71%)
Paediatrics	3 812 (19%)	4 092 (21%)	11 938 (60%)	3 688 (15%)	5 646 (23%)	15 101 (61%)	3 761 (15%)	5 781 (23%)	15 687 (62%)
Psychiatry	3 377 (7%)	10 637 (22%)	33 411 (70%)	2 928 (6%)	9 995 (20%)	37 025 (74%)	2 562 (5%)	10 026 (20%)	38 389 (75%)
Surgery	15 089 (9%)	31 959 (18%)	125 815 (73%)	15 239 (8%)	33 464 (18%)	139 690 (74%)	13 837 (8%)	30 848 (17%)	134 476 (75%)

Note:

(1) Figures in brackets refer to the percentage of the total number of new case bookings.

(2) Individual percentages of the triage categories (i.e. Priority 1, Priority 2 and Routine cases) may not add up to 100% due to miscellaneous cases not falling into the triage system and the rounding effect.

(3) In view of the emergence of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic in Hong Kong since early 2020, the HA has adjusted its services in response to the epidemic. This should be taken into account when comparing the throughput of services provided by the HA across the years.