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Dr Tony Ko is a physician by background and a specialist in geriatric medicine. He is currently the Director of Cluster Services of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority. He previously was Hospital Chief Executive of Tuen Mun Hospital and the Cluster Chief Executive of New Territories West Cluster of the Hospital Authority.

Dr Ko moved from clinical medicine to health services management in 2008 and served as the Chief Manager (Strategy, Service Planning and Knowledge Management) and later the Chief Manager (Patient Safety & Risk Management) of the Hospital Authority Head Office until the appointment to Hospital Chief Executive of Pok Oi Hospital and Cluster Chief Executive of New Territories West Cluster in 2012 and 2014 respectively; and the appointment to his current position in 2018.

Cancer Treatment Services in Public Hospitals

Cancer is a major public health issue in Hong Kong. The number of new cases of cancer in Hong Kong reached 30,318 in 2015. The Hospital Authority (HA) is the major healthcare provider in the public sector for the treatment of cancer patients. The cancer service provided by HA is based on a coordinated cross-specialty including clinical oncology, medicine, surgery, radiology, pathology, palliative etc. and cross-disciplinary service system. The cancer service is organised on cluster basis and operated through six cluster-based clinical oncology centres and each of which is networked with other intra-cluster hospitals and clinics to deliver cancer care. To meet the increasing service demand, HA will continue to implement initiatives to augment the service capacity along cancer patient journey from the spectrum covering diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, rehabilitation, palliation and end-of-life care for quality care. The HA will commission the seventh clinical oncology centre in United Christian Hospital to meet the needs of the population in Kowloon East region. HA is developing a Strategic Service Framework for Cancer Service to guide the development of service model and system infrastructure for cancer services over the next five to ten years.