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Dear Dr. York Chow,

As a hospital geriatrician, I would like to respond to the Consultation Document with a few discreet points.

1. On "Enhance Primary Care", based the successful experience from Dr MF Leung's group, our government should consider expanding the "elderly sitting" service by personal care workers (PCWs) from NGO. In other words, PCW's of NGO are extremely important, but often under-rated, healthcare workers to be partnered with in this healthcare reform.
2. On "Reforming Healthcare Financing Arrangements", whatever financing option of the future must cover the cost of long term care whether in the form of formal or informal care. For elderly patients, the cost of "care" is just as, if not more, important than the "medical" cost. More and more elderly patients have few or no children. For this most unfortunate group, the cost of "care" is even higher compared to those with caring children.
3. Again on "Reforming Healthcare Financing Arrangements", I would like the government to look into the feasibility of alternative financing model based on token economy. That is to say that individual can earn tokens for what he / she has done voluntary work or other "good deeds" otherwise during his / her earlier days to fund part of his / her formal long term care during the very advanced age.

The above is my humble opinion. Hope that Dr. Chow finds it useful or thought provoking. It is hopeful that the healthcare of our graying population will have a bright future ahead.

Yours Sincerely,  
Kevin Or

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