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Position statement about the unfounded and discriminatory remarks against patients with mental health problems

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The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine regrets to note the discriminatory statement made by a member of the Legislative Council yesterday about patients with mental health problems. The remarks were untrue, derogatory, unfounded, and would deter patients from receiving assistance that they need. The Academy Council and its Colleges strongly support the statement and views of the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists, a constituent College of the Academy, responding to that unfair comment. Children and adults with mental illnesses and behavioral issues need care and understanding from our community, and health care workers caring for them deserve the best support. The Academy would also like to call for strong government support in the development and improvement of mental health services in Hong Kong.

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