

Symposium on

"Impact of Frontier School Nursing Service on Child and Adolescent Health- the Hong Kong Experience"

From the Perspective of Child Health

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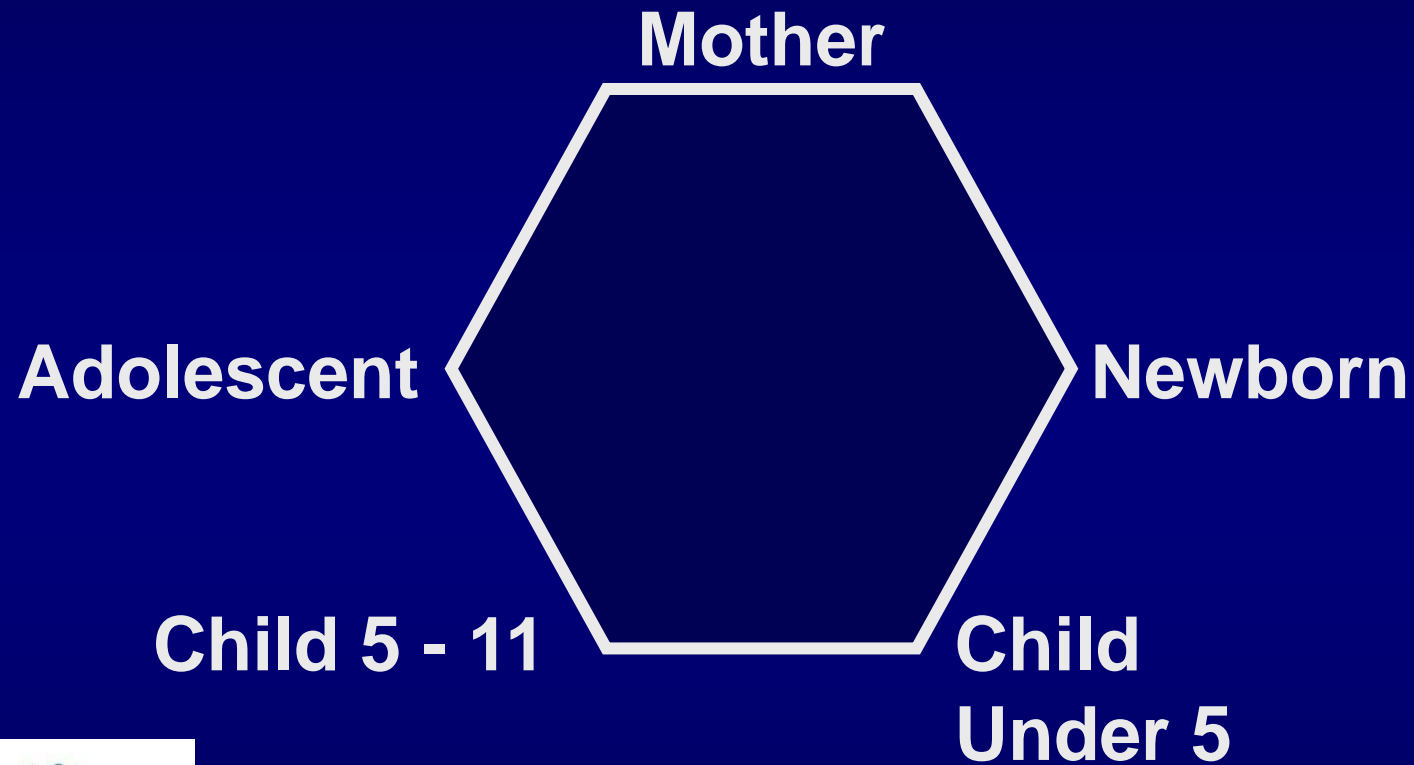
Healthcare Services for Children in Hong Kong

- ✦ One of the best in the world
- ✦ Lowest Infant Mortality Rate
- ✦ Powerful professionals
- ✦ Benevolent and caring Government
- ✦ Good GDP/Small population

Child Health

- ✦ **The Child (0 to 18 Years – United Nations)** covering Foetus, Newborn, Childhood and Adolescence
- ✦ **Domains** (Medical, Social and Educational)
- ✦ **Definitions**
 - ✦ Freedom from Diseases (1946)
 - ✦ A state of physical, social, mental and spiritual well being (1988)
 - ✦ Promotion for attainment of highest potential in life (2008)

Continuum of Care



Child Health

Providers: (Transdisciplinary Team)

- ✦ Paediatricians
- ✦ Obstetricians & Gynecologists
- ✦ Child Health related Medical and Surgical Specialists
- ✦ Nurses
- ✦ Midwives
- ✦ Allied Health Professionals
- ✦ Others

School Nursing Service in Hong Kong

- ✦ School Services available in many parts of the world for more than 100 years
- ✦ Service in Hong Kong available for more than thirty years
- ✦ Mainly at private schools and schools for children with special needs
- ✦ Good Prototypes for territorial application in HK

Milestone in Development of School Nurses in Hong Kong (I)

- ✦ Team approach to child health
- ✦ Transectoral coordination between medical, social and education domains
- ✦ Well developed paediatric nursing services
- ✦ Pioneer school nurses from overseas
- ✦ Local training at tertiary education (the Polytechnic University of Hong Kong)

Milestone in Development of School Nurses in Hong Kong (II)

- ✦ Inauguration of the Hong Kong School Nurse Association in 2010 under the leadership of Dr. Regina Lee
- ✦ Support of peer professionals:
 - ✦ the Hong Kong Paediatric Society
 - ✦ the Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association

Milestone in Development of School Nurses in Hong Kong (III)

- ✦ Blessing from the SAR Government
 - ✦ The Health and Food Bureau
 - ✦ The Education Bureau
- ✦ Accreditation and Academic Recognition
 - ✦ School Nurse as subspecialty under the future HK College of Paediatric Nursing established by STATUE
 - ✦ Training programme available at tertiary institutions



Target for School Nursing Service in Hong Kong

- ✦ One Nurse for One School
- ✦ One Paediatrician for One Region

Role of the School Nurse

- Promoter of Child Health
- Coordinator of Sectors of Child Health
- Health Educator
- Health Counselor
- Child Advocate

Viability, Sustainability and Success of School Nursing in Hong Kong

- ✦ Qualified Professionals
- ✦ Quality Service
- ✦ Continuing Nursing Education
- ✦ Professional Collaboration
- ✦ Research/Publications
- ✦ Resource support
- ✦ Government Support

School Nurse Service is already
functioning well in Hong Kong

Let us work together towards its success!