Myths and Facts of Specialist Out-Patient Clinic (SOPC) Waiting Time Management

Dr Alexander CHIU Chief Manager Department of Quality and Standards Division of Quality and Safety The Demand problem is due to aging population and increased prevalence of chronic diseases Public Reporting of SOPC waiting time upsets staff

Public Reporting of SOPC waiting time leads to flooding of patients to short wait clusters Cross cluster arrangement can help to shorten SOPC waiting time between clusters Cross Cluster arrangement is not welcomed by patients and hospitals

Reporting 90th percentile waiting time is a bad idea

The subject officer for SOPC waiting time is the most unpopular person in the HA