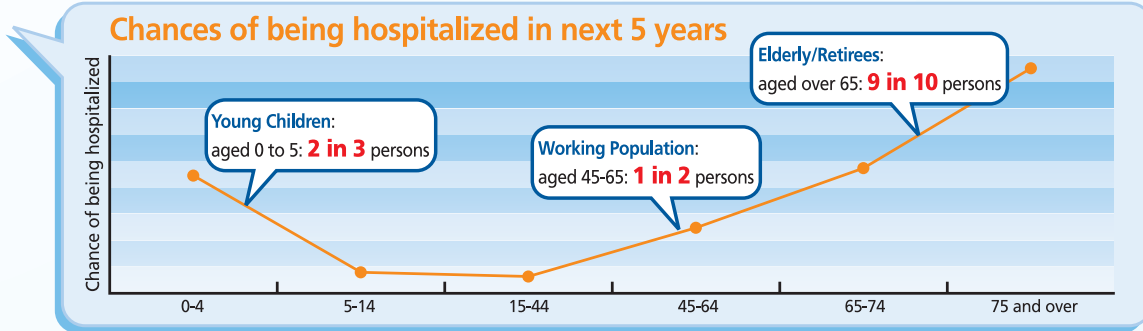


Did you know?

1. In the next five years, what will be the **chances** of being hospitalized for treatments?



2. Did you know the top three causes for hospitalization in Hong Kong?

Adults

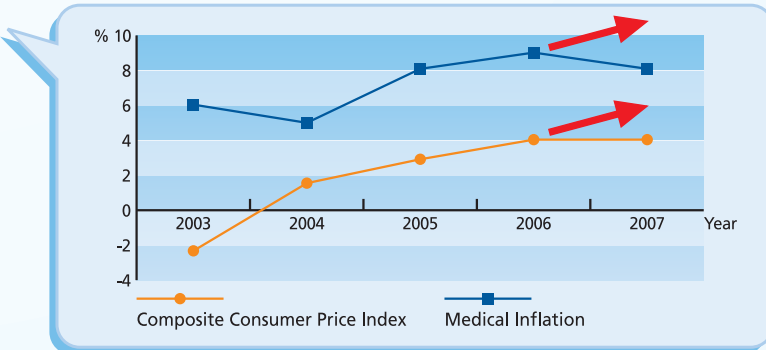
Rank	Cause
1	Digestive system
2	Urinary System, Genital, Breast & Obstetrics
3	Accidents

Young Children: aged 0 to 5

Rank	Boys	Girls
1	Respiratory	Respiratory
2	Accidents	Digestive
3	Digestive	Accidents

3. Rice and meat prices all increase significantly. What about **medical costs**?

In 2007, Composite Consumer Price Index was 2% whereas Medical Inflation reached 8% already!



Rice prices increased by an average of about **13%** in 2007*

Pork and beef prices surged by about **43%** and **39%** respectively in 2007**

Outpatient Specialist fees have increased by **25%** since 2002

Surgery fees increased by more than **33%** in 2002-6***

4. Did you know the medical costs for **common or major surgical operations** can be many months of your salary?

Costs of Common Surgery****

	General Ward in HK\$ (No. of salary months)
Appendectomy	Up to 150,000 (10 months)
Gastroscopy	Up to 100,000 (7 months)
Thyroidectomy	Up to 180,000 (12 months)

* No. of Salary Months is based on the average salary of HK\$15,000. Costs of Common Surgery for Semi-Private and Private Wards are much higher than General Wards.

A career man admitted to hospital 34 times (total 88 days) for **Colon Cancer** treatment

Spent **HK\$2 million** => He had to **sell his apartment** if he did not buy medical insurance

A career man admitted to hospital 1 time (total 131 days) and died in 2007 for **Heart Attack**

Spent **HK\$800,000** on surgery operation

Admitted to hospital 2 times (total 25 days) and successful **Breast Cancer** treatments

Spent **HK\$400,000** and still receiving treatments for recovery (on average HK\$10,000 per month spent on drugs)

* Source: Annual survey: staple food tops price surge in supermarket chains, <http://www.consumer.org.hk>, 15 April 2008

** Source: 香港物價見9年新高, <http://www.takungpao.com>, 25 January 2008

*** Source: <http://the-sun.orisun.com/channels/news/20071119/> and Hong Kong Private Hospital Association

**** Source: Hong Kong Medical Association increased by an assumed medical inflation of 8%p.a. to 2008, Sun News, 24 May 2006