

# [Pok Oi Hospital announces root cause analysis report of previous sentinel event](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Pok Oi Hospital (POH) today (May 10) announces the root cause analysis report of a previous sentinel event:

POH announced a sentinel event involving the histological testing result on March 15 and appointed a Root Cause Analysis Panel to investigate the underlying cause of the incident and make recommendations. The Panel has completed the investigation. The report has been submitted to the Hospital Authority Head Office.

On January 5, a female patient with post-menopausal bleeding had a uterine biopsy, which indicated she had endometrial cancer. The patient received an operation at Tuen Mun Hospital on February 26 to remove the uterus, bilateral fallopian tubes, bilateral ovaries, and pelvic lymph nodes. After the operation, pathological examination of the patient's resected tissue showed no cancer. The hospital conducted a review and performed genetic testing on the specimens, which revealed that the biopsy taken on January 5 contained a tissue fragment from another patient who was diagnosed with cancer, leading to a deviation in the results.

After investigation, the Panel confirmed that during processing of the biopsies, a tissue fragment of a cancer patient was thrown off and landed on an unused mould that was subsequently used to hold the biopsy of the patient concerned, resulting in contamination of specimen.

The Panel commented that the chamber housing unused moulds was located immediately adjacent to the working platform and the moulds were placed facing upward. The unfavourable position should be improved to minimise the risk of mixing up specimens.

The Panel noted the laboratory guideline requires laboratory staff to ensure each mould is clean prior to tissue embedding. Although the staff concerned suspected there might have been a discrepancy between the biopsy fragments and the recorded gross description, the apparent discrepancy was considered within an acceptable range and hence the procedure was carried on without further follow-up.

The Panel made the following recommendations:

1. Covering the chamber housing unused moulds and placing the moulds bottom-up to minimise the risk of mixing up specimens;
2. Reinforcing training and supervision of laboratory staff on handling specimens, emphasising the importance of checking a mould to ensure

it is clean and empty and ready to use;

3. Establishing specific guidelines on risk mitigation in managing laboratory events, including the handling of suspected mixing of specimens; strengthening communication and raising alertness of laboratory staff who should seek further advice if in doubt; and

4. Improving the current system for macroscopic description of sampling with well-defined parameter to enhance traceability of the size of specimen.

â€‹The hospital has explained the report's findings to the patient and her family, extended sincere apologies to them again and will continue to closely follow up on the patient's clinical condition. POH has accepted the investigation findings and recommendations, and will take follow-up actions to implement the recommendations to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

The hospital also expressed gratitude to the Panel. The membership of the Panel is as follows:

Chairperson:

Dr Alice Chan

Consultant, Department of Pathology, Kwong Wah Hospital

Members:

Dr Hau Lap-man

Service Director, Quality and Safety, New Territories West Cluster

Dr Cheuk Wah

Deputy Chief of Service, Pathology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Dr Lam Ming-cheung

Consultant, Clinical Pathology, Tuen Mun Hospital

Dr Nicole Chau

Senior Manager (Patient Safety & Risk Management), Quality & Safety Division,

Hospital Authority Head Office

Mr Wong Chi-keung

Department Manager, Pathology, United Christian Hospital

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**[CFS urges public not to consume batch of prepackaged chilled duck wings](#)**

# suspected to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (May 10) urged the public not to consume a batch of prepackaged chilled duck wings due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a pathogen. The trade should stop using or selling the affected batch of the product immediately if they possess it.

Product details are as follows:

Product name: Pepper Vine Duck Wings  
Brand: JUEWEI  
Place of origin: China  
Distributor: Juewei Food (Hong Kong) Limited  
Net weight: 170 grams  
Use-by date: May 9, 2024

"The CFS collected the above-mentioned sample from a retail outlet in Mong Kok for testing under its routine Food Surveillance Programme. The test result showed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in 25 grams of the sample, exceeding the standard of the Microbiological Guidelines for Food which states that *Listeria monocytogenes* should not be detected in 25g of food," a spokesman for the CFS said.

The spokesman said that the CFS has informed the vendor concerned of the irregularity and has instructed it to stop sale and to remove from shelves the affected batch of the product. The distributor concerned has initiated a recall of the affected batch of the product according to the CFS' instruction. Members of the public may call the distributor's hotline at 3468 6021 during office hours for enquiries about the product recall.

"*Listeria monocytogenes* can be easily destroyed by cooking but can survive and multiply at refrigerator temperature. Most healthy individuals do not develop symptoms or only have mild symptoms like fever, muscle pain, headache, nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea when infected. However, severe complications such as septicaemia, meningitis or even death may occur in newborns, the elderly and those with a weaker immune system. Although infected pregnant women may just experience mild symptoms generally, the infection of *Listeria monocytogenes* may cause miscarriage, infant death, preterm birth, or severe infection in newborns," the spokesman said.

"In order to reduce the risk of listeriosis, susceptible populations such as pregnant women should consume freshly prepared hot food where possible, reheat chilled food until it is hot all the way through, and avoid high-risk foods, including ready-to-eat food such as cold cuts, cold smoked seafood, soft cheeses, salads, etc, or cook them thoroughly before consumption, even if they are presented as part of a dish."

The CFS will alert the trade to the incident, and will continue to follow up and take appropriate action. An investigation is ongoing.

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## [HKMA alerts public to frauds purportedly associated with Wealth Management Connect Scheme](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) has received public enquiries recently on suspected frauds associated with the Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme (Scheme):

1. Victims incurring investment losses were approached by fraudsters who claimed that the Government could intervene to recoup their losses but only if they open so-called accounts under the Northbound Scheme and pay a fee; and
2. A bogus advertisement was disseminated on social media about a time deposit product with high interest rate purportedly offered by the HKMA. The fraudster then posed as an account manager and tried to lure members of the public into depositing money into a so-called account under the Northbound Scheme.

We want to reiterate that the HKMA will not contact individual members of the public regarding personal financial matters. We also wish to alert the public that only eligible institutions can provide services under the Scheme. If in doubt, members of the public are advised to carefully fact check. The list of eligible Hong Kong banks is as follows:

[www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/international-financial-centre/wealth-management-connect/northbound-scheme/#list-of-banks](http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/international-financial-centre/wealth-management-connect/northbound-scheme/#list-of-banks)

The operation of the Scheme, including account opening process, scope of eligible investment products as well as promotion and sales, is subject to clear supervisory requirements. Members of the public are reminded to understand thoroughly the relevant details before making an investment. For more information, please visit:

[www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/international-financial-centre/wealth-management-connect/](http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/international-financial-centre/wealth-management-connect/)

Members of the public who suspect that they have become victims of fraudulent acts should contact the Commercial and Technology Crime Hotline of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012 or make a report via the [e-Report](#)

[Centre](#) for further action and investigation by the police.

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## LegCo delegation to conduct duty visit to Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The President of the Legislative Council (LegCo), Mr Andrew Leung, will lead seven members of the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) to conduct a seven-day duty visit to Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore on Sunday (May 12).

Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, being members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), are very important trading partners of Hong Kong. Apart from meeting with local Speakers and Members of Parliaments, the LegCo delegation will also take the opportunity to exchange views with the relevant government departments and organisations. The objectives are to strengthen liaison with them and gain a better understanding of the latest development of these countries in respect of their political systems, economic and tourism development, innovation and technology, nurturing of emerging industries, etc.

During the visit from May 12 to 18, the delegation will meet and exchange views with the Chinese Ambassadors to ASEAN, representatives of other ASEAN countries, Chinese Ambassadors to Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, and local Hong Kong businessmen and communities.

The delegation will also visit the following places and organisations:

### Malaysia

- Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture
- Hong Kong-Malaysia Business Association
- Parliament of Malaysia
- Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry
- Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia
- National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia
- Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation

### Indonesia

- Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway
- Parliament of Indonesia
- Indonesian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Singapore

- Parliament of Singapore
- JTC Corporation
- Housing & Development Board
- Hong Kong Singapore Business Association
- Institute of Technical Education

The delegation is led by the President of the LegCo, Mr Andrew Leung. Deputy delegation leader is the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr Tommy Cheung. Other participating Subcommittee members are Mr Jeffrey Lam, Ms Nixie Lam, Ms Joephy Chan, Mr Tang Fei, Ms Carmen Kan and Mr Yim Kong.

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## [Cluster of Influenza A cases at Castle Peak Hospital](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Castle Peak Hospital made the following announcement today (May 10):

Three patients (aged 31 to 69) in a male adult psychiatric ward have presented with respiratory symptoms since May 6. Appropriate viral tests have been arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Influenza A. The patients concerned are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.