

Cluster of Streptococcus Pyogenes (Group A) cases at Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Kwai Chung Hospital made the following announcement today (March 22):

Three patients (aged 36 to 44) in a male psychiatric ward have presented with skin infection since March 6. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Streptococcus Pyogenes (Group A). The patients concerned are being treated and they are in stable condition.

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.