

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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Kwai Chung Hospital made the following announcement today (May 27):

Four patients (aged 24 to 68) in a female psychiatric ward have presented with skin infection since May 10. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Streptococcus Pyogenes (Group A). All four patients are being treated and they 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.