

“HA Risk Alert” latest issue published

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The 58th issue of "HA Risk Alert" was published today (July 31) by the Hospital Authority (HA) as a risk management and communication initiative to further strengthen the reporting and monitoring of medical incidents in public hospitals.

In the first quarter of 2020 (January to March), there were four Sentinel Events reported as retained instrument after surgery/interventional procedure. In addition, nine Serious Untoward Events were reported, of which all were related to medication error.

"Subsequent to incident review and analysis of root causes of these incidents, important lessons of patient safety are identified, while recommendations are made and shared in this publication to avoid similar events in future," the HA spokesperson said.

The HA Head Office has released the latest "HA Risk Alert" to all staff. It can also be accessed by the public at www.ha.org.hk/riskalert. "HA Risk Alert" is published on a quarterly basis and posted on the HA website every last working Friday in the months of January, April, July and October. The next issue is scheduled for October 30 (Friday).