

# **“HA Risk Alert” latest issue published**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The 61st issue of "HA Risk Alert" was published today (April 30) 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 fourth quarter of 2020 (October to December), there were 12 Sentinel Events reported, comprising four cases of retained instrument/material after surgery/interventional procedure, two cases of inpatient suicide, one case of wrong part procedure, one case of maternal morbidity, one case of medication error and three cases in other categories. Among the 31 reported Serious Untoward Events, there were 27 related to medication error and four patient misidentifications.

"Subsequent to incident review and analysis of the root causes of these incidents, important lessons for patient safety have been 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](http://www.ha.org.hk/riskalert). "HA Risk Alert" is published on a quarterly basis and posted on the HA website on the last working Friday in the months of January, April, July and October. The next issue is scheduled on July 30, 2021 (Friday).