

HA's response to recall of anti-hypertensive drug by DH

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Following the announcement by the Department of Health (DH) today (July 6) on the recall of an anti-hypertensive drug "Valtensin 80mg tablets and 160mg tablets", the Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson said all public hospitals have been notified to cease prescribing the drug concerned so to dovetail DH's decision and also for precautionary measure. Arrangement would be made to dispense other anti-hypertensive medications to patients.

The spokesperson pointed out that the anti-hypertensive drug concerned is generally prescribed for patients to treat high blood pressure, and heart failure. According to the assessment of clinical experts, there is no immediate risk to patients for continual intake of the drug. The experts are of the views that there shall be a well balance of possible risk factors between continual intake and abrupt stopping of the said drug. The latter might cause adverse effect on the patient's condition. Hence it is recommended to the out-patients who had been dispensed with the drug not to stop taking.

"There are currently around 30,000 patients in public hospitals being dispensed with the anti-hypertensive drug concerned. Their condition will be reviewed by the attending doctor when they attend their next follow-up consultation at the clinic," the spokesperson added.

The spokesperson said the Authority will continue to closely liaise with the DH in obtaining more information about the investigation on the recalled drug. Patients who have any enquiries related to the recalled anti-hypertensive drug can call the public hospitals as appended below:

Cluster	Institution	Telephone number
	Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	6460 0553
Hong Kong East	Tung Wah Eastern Hospital	6460 0553
	Ruttonjee Hospital and Tang Shiu Kin Hospital	2291 2079
Hong Kong West	Queen Mary Hospital	2255 6649
Kowloon Central	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	3506 6572
	Kwong Wah Hospital	3517 7112
Kowloon East	United Christian Hospital	3949 4000
	Tseung Kwan O Hospital	2208 0111

	Princess Margaret Hospital	2370 0980
Kowloon West	Caritas Medical Centre	3408 6348
	Yan Chai Hospital	2417 8383
	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital	2689 2699
New Territories East	North District Hospital	2683 7561
	Prince of Wales Hospital	5569 9855
	Tuen Mun Hospital	2468 6872
New Territories West	Pok Oi Hospital	
	Tin Shui Wai Hospital	
	Castle Peak Hospital	
	Siu Lam Hospital	2401 4592