

Hospital Authority announces to review patient treatment plans

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hospital Authority (HA) made the following announcement today (July 18) on the review of patient treatment plans:

HA received a notification from Kowloon West Cluster that since the reference range of Short Synacthen Test was updated on April 25, there have been concerns that the updated information has not been communicated effectively among the parties concerned. As a prudent measure, KWC has proactively reviewed all relevant test results, and found that 45 patients from Princess Margaret Hospital, Caritas Medical Centre and Yan Chai Hospital might be affected. The three hospitals have been contacting patients to arrange follow up on the patients' clinical condition and treatment plans, to ensure they are receiving optimal treatment.

The Short Synacthen Test is one of multiple references for clinicians to make a diagnosis. Clinicians also consider other test results and the patient's clinical condition to formulate a treatment plan. It is anticipated that there is no impact on the clinical outcomes of the patients concerned.

HA has not found any similar events in other public hospitals. HA will review and undertake improvement measures to avoid reoccurrence of similar event.