Hospital Authority releases Medication Safety Bulletin

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The Hospital Authority (HA) today (May 27) published the biannual issue of Medication Safety Bulletin (MSB). This issue highlights several cases to remind healthcare staff to carefully check the drug, dose, patient, route and time of medications, and to pay attention to the site and the infusion rate when prescribing and administering drugs.

In addition, this latest issue shares the tips from Kowloon East Cluster in prescribing anticoagulants to patients with swallowing difficulty, where some drugs are not suitable for crushing. It also features a near-miss incident involving a patient drug allergy.

The publication has already been posted on the HA homepage for sharing with healthcare staff. Members of the public are also welcome to browse it at the following link: www.ha.org.hk/msb. MSB is published every six months, on the last Friday of May and November. The next issue will be published on November 25.