[Queen Mary Hospital announces sentinel event](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) announces a sentinel event today (May 5):

A male cancer patient was admitted to an oncology ward in QMH on May 4 afternoon due to fever. The patient was in a stable mood with no abnormality observed upon clinical assessment since his admission. Appropriate treatment had been provided.

A ward staff last observed the patient at around 9.30pm last night (May 4). The patient was awake and emotionally stable. Thirty minutes later, the patient was found unconscious inside the patient's bathroom with the shower hose around his neck. Medical staff performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) immediately and informed the patient's family members. The patient was certified dead at around 10.45pm.

QMH is deeply saddened by the incident and expresses condolences to the family members and will offer necessary assistance. The hospital is very concerned about the incident and has inspected all related facilities in the hospital and will arrange the necessary follow-up. The incident has also been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advance Incident Reporting System. A root cause analysis investigation will be conducted to look into the incident. The investigation report will be submitted to the Head Office in eight weeks. The case has been referred to the coroner for follow-up.