

Tuen Mun Hospital response on a case of Legionnaires' Disease

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) made the following announcement today (March 31) regarding the Legionella infection case:

A male patient (aged 65) in the Orthopaedics and Traumatology Ward of TMH was confirmed the diagnosis of Legionnaires' Disease (LD) today (March 31). The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) visited the ward and collected water samples from the hospital today. The source of infection for the patient is still being investigated. The patient is in critical condition due to his underlying illness.

The hospital has already implemented a series of precautionary and infection control improvement measures, including:

1. Installing bacterial filters on basin faucets and shower heads;
2. Suspending use of related basin faucets;
3. After communicating with the CHP, the hospital has implemented clinical surveillance of the patients in the ward.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office according to established guidelines. In addition to the above precautionary and improvement measures, the hospital has reminded all medical and nursing staff to be vigilant and continue to closely monitor the situation on the ward. Moreover, the hospital will co-operate with the CHP in the investigation of the source of infection.