

United Christian Hospital announces sentinel event

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for the United Christian Hospital (UCH) announced a sentinel event today (January 18):

A 55-year-old male patient with myeloma was admitted to a medical ward of the UCH on January 12. The patient's clinical condition was stable all along.

Healthcare staff communicated with the patient at around 2.10pm today, at that time, the patient showed no signs of abnormalities. At 2.35pm, when healthcare staff was preparing to take blood pressure with the patient, he was found unconscious with a crossbody bag's strap tangled around his neck. Healthcare staff removed the strap and performed resuscitation immediately. The hospital also reported the incident to the Police and informed the patient's family immediately. The patient passed away at 3.35pm this afternoon.

The UCH is saddened by the incident and expressed deep condolences to the patient's family. The hospital will provide assistance to the family and will fully co-operate with the Police for investigation.

The hospital is very concerned about the incident and has reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office through the Advance Incident Reporting System. The incident has also been referred to the coroner for follow-up.