## <u>United Christian Hospital appeals to</u> <u>public about missing patient</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

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A 44-year-old male patient left the Orthopaedic and Traumatology ward without notification at around 6pm yesterday(November 13).

Security guards were deployed to search for the patient within the hospital compound and in the vicinity. The hospital also made a report to the Police for assistance. The patient is yet to be located.

The patient is about 1.7 meters tall, short black hair and of medium body build. According to closed-circuit television footage, the patient was wearing patient clothes and white pants with intravenous catheters on both his left hand and right hand when he left the hospital.

The hospital is very concerned about the incident and will fully cooperate with the Police in order to locate the patient. The hospital appeals to the public to contact the hospital at 3949 4002 or the Police if they know the whereabouts of the patient.

UCH has reported the case to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advanced Incident Reporting System.