

Update on cluster of scabies infection cases at TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding a cluster of patients infected with scabies in a mixed gender infirmary and convalescence ward, the spokesperson for Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) Wong Tai Sin Hospital gave the following update today (February 25):

One more 36-year-old male patient in the ward presented with symptoms of skin infection. An appropriate test was arranged and the patient was diagnosed as having scabies infestation. The patient is being treated under isolation with stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to the established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance. Under the Emergency Response Level, the visiting arrangement has been suspended.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.