

Burden of the SARS outbreak on hospitals.
- quantitative information

HA SARS 32/03

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SARS Expert Committee
Request for Submissions from Hospital Authority (HA)

The SARS Expert Committee has requested for information on the burden of the SARS outbreak on hospitals (in E-mail dated 6th August 2003 from Secretary, SARS Expert Committee):

We would like to request quantitative information on the burden of the SARS outbreak on hospitals, particularly in the initial period. I should be grateful if you would provide us: On a daily basis (starting from 10.3.03 until end of March) the admission of cases of

- (a) suspected atypical pneumonia (SARS after 15.3.03); and
(b) confirmed atypical pneumonia (SARS after 15.3.03).*

If separate figures on (a) and (b) are not available, please provide us with the combined figures on a daily basis.

The following is HA's response:

Workload of hospitals from 10.3.03 to 31.3.03

| Date | No. of confirmed SARS patients reported to and registered with Department of Health | Total no. of suspected or confirmed SARS inpatients under treatment in HA hospitals |
|--------|---|---|
| 10-Mar | 2 | 16 |
| 11-Mar | 20 | 12 |
| 12-Mar | 13 | 42 |
| 13-Mar | 19 | 52 |
| 14-Mar | 30 | 105 |
| 15-Mar | 27 | 137 |
| 16-Mar | 22 | 161 |
| 17-Mar | 21 | 192 |
| 18-Mar | 30 | 262 |
| 19-Mar | 23 | 294 |
| 20-Mar | 25 | 301 |
| 21-Mar | 22 | 336 |
| 22-Mar | 30 | 346 |
| 23-Mar | 29 | 338 |
| 24-Mar | 35 | 367 |
| 25-Mar | 27 | 405 |
| 26-Mar | 47 | 441 |
| 27-Mar | 100 | 519 |
| 28-Mar | 75 | 615 |
| 29-Mar | 92 | 728 |
| 30-Mar | 51 | 794 |
| 31-Mar | 86 | 876 |