

- (13) A chronology of important events in respect of the outbreak at TMH including information on the respective time when the five staff infected started to fall ill with SARS and the time when the ten patients developed SARS symptoms.

#### TMH C8 ward chronology

Before April 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C8 is an acute medical ward taking care of both emergency and clinical admissions of female medical / geriatrics cases.</li> </ul>
April 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The infection control measures in all medical wards were stepped up to the isolation ward standard</li> <li>Ward staff and in fact anybody entering the C8 were required to wear a full set of Personal Protection Equipment.</li> <li>The Personal Protection Equipment available to the staff included cap, mask (surgical / N95), eye protection apparels (eye shield / goggles / mask with visor / face shield), glove and protective gown.</li> </ul>
Between April 26 and 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 staff working in C8 were reported sick and admitted</li> </ul>
April 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All patient admissions, transfer and discharge in C8 were stopped unless instructed by the hospital management.</li> <li>The DH was duly notified.</li> </ul>
Apr 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The plan on contact tracing was jointly worked out by TMH and DH in a meeting on April 28.</li> <li>High-risk patients discharged to other wards, hospitals, old age homes or other institutions were called back to C8.</li> <li>Those who were discharged home and persons who had been to C8 were followed up by DH. They would be called back once they developed symptoms suspicious of SARS.</li> </ul>
May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C8 ward was closed for disinfection and all ward staff were granted special leave for isolation to prevent cross infection.</li> </ul>
May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The last confirmed case was transferred to SARS ward.</li> </ul>

Patient No.*	1st Admission Date	2nd Admission date	3 <sup>rd</sup> Admission date
Contact 1	7 April 2003	28 April 2003	
Contact 3	26 April 2003		
Contact 4	19 April 2003	22 April 2003	28 April 2003
Contact 5	5 April 2003	28 April 2003	
Contact 6	19 April 2003	28 April 2003	
Contact 7	21 April 2003	28 April 2003	
Contact 9	26 April 2003		
Contact 10	23 April 2003		

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Patient No.*	1st Admission Date	2nd Admission date	3 <sup>rd</sup> Admission date
Contact 12	26 April 2003		
Contact 13	10 April 2003	29 April 2003	
Relative 1	30 April 2003		
*Staff 1	26 April 2003		
*Staff 2	26 April 2003		
*Staff 3	29 April 2003		
*Staff 4	27 April 2003		
*Staff 5	3 May 2003		

\* Health Care Workers