

**Notes of 1st Meeting regarding Incident at PWH Ward 8A held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in CR1, 2/F, Main Block, PWH**

Present: Dr. FUNG Hong - Chairman  
Prof Sydney Chung  
Prof Peter A Cameron  
Prof Joseph Sung  
Prof. C.S. Cockram  
Prof TAM Siu Lun, John  
Dr. SY Tung  
Dr. CK LI  
Dr. Paul Chan  
Dr. Lyon Donald, James  
Dr. SHIU Tak chi  
Ms. Lily Chung  
Ms E Mok  
Ms Winnie Cheng  
Ms Fion Fung  
Ms Zabrina Lee

**Status update as at 11 a.m. on 13.3.03**

PWH staff was admitted in PWH. Among them, 16 admitted staff was diagnosed with pneumonia symptom. Another three were admitted to other hospitals.

Ward 8A, 8B, and 8 D would be vacated to cater for admission of the case with relevant symptom.

7 Triaged Medical patients at A&E, PWH would be diverted to AHNH and NDH.

Elective surgical cases would be rescheduled.

Limited service at Cardiac Clinic would be provided.

Service of Medical day ward would be suspended temporary.

Press Release of the above announcement would be issued in due course.

So far, two no of staff were discharged.

**Information Center at Conference 2, PWH**

The following data would be updated timely at the Information Center.

- No of Admission
- Change of medical condition of the affected staff

Epidemic survey was being conducted.

**Microbiologist Report**

The above was updated in the meeting. More than 100 lab tests were performed—(1

flu B, 2 meta pneumovirus, and 1 enterovirus.)

### Manpower Crises

Because of the medical staff in Firm 2 were sick, there were only 3 firms out of four to take up the existing workload. Staff from other firms would take up workload in Ward 8A B, D.

There would be two groups of staff - contaminated and clean. The clean staff would take up other cases.

Because of the shortage of manpower, some service at SOPD would be suspended temporarily. Other back-up medical staff would be required. Prof. Joseph Sung would send recommendation to CCE for consideration after the meeting.

### Patient Follow-up Clinic

Patient discharged would require follow-up. Also, those who had fever attended A&E would require x-ray assessment the second day. A Follow-up Clinic at A & E would be established to cater for the above purpose.

### Delineation role of Staff Clinic and Special Clinic at A&E

All staff would be advised of the followings:

- Those with fever and specific symptom would go to A&E
- Those with non-specific symptom would go to Staff Clinic

Understanding that there was down staff in A&E, the above would be monitored. Situation would be reviewed in the evening.

### Other Backup

16 beds of isolated ward at TPH might be handed over after renovation within one or two days. It would be available for admission if situation required.

### Staff Forum

It would be organized at 5 p.m. today.

### Frequency of the meeting

There would be meeting twice per day for updating and monitoring the situation.

### Next Meeting

It was scheduled at 7 p.m. on 13.3.03 (today).

Notes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting on Update of Infection Event at PWH held at 8:00 pm on  
13.3.2003 (Thursday) in CR1, 2/E, Main Block, PWH

Present: Dr FUNG Hong

-Chairman

Prof Sydney CHUNG

Prof Peter A Cameron

Prof Joseph SUNG

Prof C S Cockram

Prof TAM Siu Lun, John

Dr S Y TUNG

Dr CK LI

Dr Paul CHAN

Dr James Donald Lyon

Dr SHIU Tak Chi

Dr T K AU

Ms Lily CHUNG

Ms E MOK

Ms Esther LAW

-Recorder

Status update as at 6:00 pm on 13.3.2003

1. A medical staff of AHNH has developed the symptoms but he has no chest X-ray signs
2. An ex-PWH patient has been admitted to NDH with fever and pneumonia. It was decided that the above patient should be transferred back to PWH for treatment so as to avoid the infection from spreading around.
3. A NO and an ICU nurse started to feel unwell
4. 24 staff has been admitted to the Observation Ward, 18 are in ward 8A, 5 to 6 are in ward 8B and 2 are in ICU

Actions Taken/To be Taken

1. The Health, Welfare & Food Bureau would set up a steering committee and a technical committee to look into the matter.
2. Dr Fung was interviewed by Radio HK 1 at 7:05 pm on the infection event
3. Dr FUNG would meet the Shatin District Council at 11:00 am tomorrow
4. DH would continue to gather information from PWH to help find out the epidemiology of the infection.
5. PWH has deployed Dr Louis CHAN, MO of O&G Department to assist DH with

the survey

- 6 Ms E MOK would check if staff could claim as injury on duty with regard to their contraction of the infection on duty.
- 7 Dr W WONG would arrange two staff forums as soon as possible with one in NDH and the other in AHNH.
- 8 Accomodation is available if staff want to stay in hospital after duty hours. Keys have been kept in CCU.

The next meeting would be held at 12:30 pm in the same venue.