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Dear Doctor,

### **Fourth Confirmed Local Case of Dengue Fever in 2016**

We would like to draw your attention to another confirmed case of dengue fever (DF) reported in Hong Kong on 19 September 2016, which is the fourth local case reported this year, and to remind doctors to remain vigilant against this disease.

The patient was a 59-year-old woman with good past health. She presented with fever, chills and skin rash since 9 September 2016. She attended a public hospital on 15 September 2016 and was admitted on the same day. She remained stable all along and was discharged on 19 September 2016. Her blood sample was subsequently confirmed to be positive for dengue IgM and dengue antigen on 19 September 2016.

The patient lives in Tin Ma Court, Wong Tai Sin. During the incubation period, the patient had no travel history, and mainly stayed at home and went to her workplace on Argyle Street, Kowloon City. She did not take any anti-mosquito measures and could recall mosquito bites at home.

In response to the first local case of dengue fever this year, a telephone hotline (2125 2266) has been set up since 7 August 2016 from 9am till 6pm, Monday to Friday, to offer counselling to persons who had visited the places frequented by the four local cases. Laboratory investigation or referral to hospital will be arranged as appropriate.



To search for other possible local cases, we would like to seek your help in reporting suspected locally acquired cases presented with symptoms compatible with dengue fever (i.e. acute febrile illness with headache, retro-orbital pain,

myalgia, arthralgia, rash, haemorrhagic manifestations or leucopenia), in particular for patients who have visited Central or Central Mid-levels, and Tin Ma Court, Wong Tai Sin, to the Central Notification Office (CENO) of the CHP by fax (2477 2770), by phone (2477 2772), or via the CENO On-line website ([https://cdis.chp.gov.hk/CDIS\\_CENO\\_ONLINE/ceno.html](https://cdis.chp.gov.hk/CDIS_CENO_ONLINE/ceno.html)). Please also call our Medical Control Officer at 7116 3300 a/c 9179 outside office hour for prompt investigation for suspected local cases. Blood test for DF should be arranged. As patient during viraemia is infectious, please admit febrile patients with DF to hospital for further management. Please also advise your patients with suspected DF to take protective measures against mosquito bites, especially when they are febrile.

Please draw the attention of the healthcare professionals and supporting staff in your institution/ working with you to the above. Thank you for your unfailing support in prevention and control of communicable diseases.

Yours faithfully,



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