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Dear Medical Superintendent,

A locally acquired case of dengue fever

We would like to draw your attention to a locally acquired case of dengue fever (DF) recorded by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) and to remind doctors to remain vigilant against the disease.

The patient is a 68-year-old woman with underlying illness residing in Golden Lion Garden Phase 2 in Tai Wai, Shatin. She developed fever and skin rash on 23 November, was admitted to a private hospital for further management on 25 November, and is now in stable condition. Her blood sample tested positive for dengue virus upon laboratory testing. Of note, the patient had no travel history during the incubation period.

The CHP is working closely with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to assess and prevent the potential spread of infection. The CHP's epidemiological investigation and the FEHD's vector investigations and mosquito control measures are ongoing.

The CHP has set up a telephone hotline (2125 2670) for people who have been to Golden Lion Garden Phase 2 and are having DF symptoms for laboratory testing or referral as appropriate. The hotline will operate from 9am to 5pm today, and from 9am to 1pm on 30 November and 1 December. From 2 to 6 December, the hotline will continue to operate from 9am to 5pm.



All cases with symptoms compatible with DF and any positive blood test results for DF should be reported to the Central Notification Office (CENO) of CHP by fax (2477 2770), by phone (2477 2772), email (diseases@dh.gov.hk), or via the CENO On-line website (https://cdis.chp.gov.hk/CDIS_CENO_ONLINE/ceno.html). For suspected local cases with presumptive positive results (e.g., dengue IgM or dengue NS1 antigen) reported outside office hours, please immediately contact our Medical Control Officer at 7116 3300 ext. 9179 for prompt investigation.

As patients are infectious to mosquitoes during the viraemic phase, please ensure that laboratory-confirmed DF patients with fever are admitted to public hospitals for isolation in a mosquito-free environment. Patients suspected of having DF should be advised to take protective measures against mosquito bites, especially when they are febrile.

More information on DF could be found in the CHP website at <http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/content/9/24/19.html>.

Please draw the attention of 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Albert Au', written in a cursive style.

(Dr. Albert Au)
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