

HA releases risk management publications

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The 73rd issue of "HA Risk Alert" was published today (April 26) by the Hospital Authority (HA) as a risk management and communication initiative to further strengthen the reporting and monitoring of clinical incidents in public hospitals.

In the fourth quarter of 2023 (October to December), 11 sentinel events were reported, comprising seven cases of retained instruments/material, two cases of wrong patient/part, one case of inpatient suicide and one case in other category. In addition, there are 19 reported serious untoward events related to medication errors.

"Subsequent to the incident review and analysis of the root causes of these incidents, important lessons for patient safety have been identified, while recommendations are made and shared in this publication to avoid similar events in the future," an HA spokesperson said.

The HA Head Office has released the latest "HA Risk Alert" to all staff. It can also be accessed by the public at www.ha.org.hk/riskalert. "HA Risk Alert" is published on a quarterly basis and posted on the HA website on the last working Friday in the months of January, April, July and October. The next issue is scheduled for July 26, 2024 (Friday).