

# HKCH announces on a case of human infection of rat Hepatitis E virus

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding a patient infected with rat Hepatitis E Virus, the spokesperson for Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH) made the following announcement today (January 10):

HKCH reported to the Centre for Health Protection that a patient's blood specimens were tested positive for rat Hepatitis E Virus. The concerned patient was admitted to the hospital in August 2019 and succumbed on December 27.

As the patient had been admitted to the hospital during the incubation period, the hospital will support the Centre for Health Protection in the epidemiological investigation. The hospital will also explore to refer the case to the coroner for follow up.