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Re: Handling the case of [REDACTED] AA

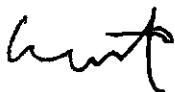
Thank you for your letter of CB2/SC2 dated 4 December 2003 requesting me to make a written submission on the above captioned matter. This submission is prepared with reference to (1) copies of the medical record of [REDACTED] AA at Kwong Wah Hospital; and (2) my written email records sent to Prof/Drs.YUEN Kwok Yung, Kenneth TSANG Wah Tak and Andrew YIP Wai Chun.

My involvement in the handling of the case of [REDACTED] AA was indirect and on a consultative basis, as the patient was under the care of the team at Kwong Wah Hospital. The following events took place and are provided to the best of my knowledge.

1. At 10:40 am, 24 Feb 2003: I was email-informed by our Department's Executive Officer Ms. Goretti TSE that Dr. Andrew YIP WC of Kwong Wah Hospital was looking for me. I returned call to his mobile immediately. He briefed me over the phone on the captioned case and went on to invite me to go to Kwong Wah Hospital to assess and to advice on the clinical management of [REDACTED]. AA
2. At 10:45 am, 24 Feb 2003: I paged Prof. Kenneth WT Tsang, briefed him about the case and request him to gather some personal protective equipment for both of us and invited him to join me to go to Kwong Wah Hospital immediately for a joint assessment of the patient.
3. At approximately 11:00 am, 24 Feb 2003: Prof. Kenneth WT Tsang joined me in my office. We had a brief discussion on the severe forms of infectious pneumonia. I inspected carefully all the personal protective equipment that he brought along, checked that they were of the appropriate types and size that we needed, then departed to get my car.

4. **At approximately 11:30 am, 24 Feb 2003:** We arrived at Kwong Wah Hospital Intensive Care Unit, and met Dr. Andrew YIP WC, Dr. WATT Chi Leung and several other doctors at the Intensive Care Unit. The clinical history, examination findings, case notes, computer records, chest X-rays, laboratory results and the infection control measures implemented were reviewed in details and systematically with Dr. WATT and his team. I and Prof. Tsang gave our advice on the medical treatment of the patient, how the patient should be investigated further and urgently to define the cause of pneumonia, the need for extreme cautions in infection control measures, the need for immediate notification of the Hospital Authority Head Office and Department of Health. I and Prof. Tsang spent a total of approximately 2.5 hours in Kwong Wah Hospital and we left at about 2:00 PM.
5. **At approximately 2:30 PM, 24 Feb 2003:** We were back to Queen Mary Hospital. I immediately headed to the laboratory and arranged to set up the microbiological tests urgently.
6. **At approximately 3:00 PM, 24 Feb 2003:** I came back to my office to recollect my thoughts on the case and sent an email to Prof. Tsang to thank him, communicated my analysis of the case and my further plans.
7. **At approximately 6:00 to 6:30 PM, 24 Feb 2003:** Type-written results of the rapid tests arranged and completed between 3:00 to 6:00 PM were sent to Prof. Kenneth TSANG, Dr. WATT Chi Leung and Dr. Melissa HO (microbiologist at Kwong Wah Hospital) by email and fax.
8. **At approximately 9:00 to 10:00 AM, 25 Feb 2003:** I reported all details of the captioned case to my Department Head, Prof. YUEN Kwok Yung over the phone. Following the discussion, the captioned case was passed to Prof YUEN to handle and follow-up further.
9. **At approximately 10:00 to 10:46 AM, 25 Feb 2003:** I updated all the microbiology tests results from the laboratory benches, all of which were communicated in written form to Prof. TSANG, Dr. WATT and Prof. YUEN. At 10:46 AM, I emailed to inform Prof. Tsang and Dr. Andrew YIP WC that I have discussed the case with Prof. YUEN and have passed this to Prof Yuen to follow up further and hence I ceased to have further involvement in the clinical care and advice on this patient.

Yours sincerely,



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