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Dear Doctor,

**An outbreak of Legionnaires' disease among guests of  
a hotel in Phuket of Thailand**

I would like to draw your attention to a Legionnaires' disease outbreak affecting some European tourists after having stayed at a hotel in Phuket of Thailand.

According to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's Eurosurveillance Weekly Release on 11 January 2007 and the press release from Finland's National Public Health Institute, four cases of Legionnaires' disease have recently been reported in one Norwegian, one Finn and two people from Sweden. These patients were among guests staying at the Phuket Grand Tropicana Hotel in Patong Beach, Thailand since 20 November 2006. The patients became ill in December 2006. Three cases are men (aged 24-66) and one is a woman (aged 51). None of the cases are fatal.

As a precautionary measure, members of the public are advised to consult their family doctors, or call the Centre for Health Protection hotline (2125 1133) during office hours if they had stayed at the hotel since November 2006 and had febrile respiratory illness within 2 weeks of leaving the hotel. Tourism agencies in Hong Kong have been alerted of the incident.

Legionnaires' disease is a statutory notifiable disease. If you encounter a suspected or confirmed Legionnaires' disease case, please report to the Central Notification Office (CENO) by fax (2477 2770) or phone (2477 2772) or via the CENO On-line website (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/ceno>). For more information on Legionnaires' disease, please visit our website at <http://www.chp.gov.hk>.

Yours sincerely,

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