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Dear Doctor,

Maintain Vigilance against Acute Conjunctivitis

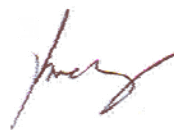
We would like to draw your attention to a recent outbreak of acute conjunctivitis affecting 18 children in a residential care home. Acute conjunctivitis is a contagious condition mostly caused by viruses and bacteria, with symptoms including irritation, tearing, pain and redness of the eyes. Summer is the usual peak season in institutional settings. The disease is usually a self-limiting condition with recovery in one to two weeks time given proper treatment.

We enlist your support in providing the following health advice to your clients or patients suffering from acute conjunctivitis to prevent further spread of the disease:

- Avoid sharing towels and toilet articles;
- Minimise hand-to-eye contact;
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after contact with eyes;
- Avoid sharing eye droppers, eye medicines, eye make-up and other items that may come into contact with the eyes;
- Avoid entering the swimming pool area;
- Stop attending child care centres, schools or workplaces before recovery.

If you encounter an increase in the number of clients with acute conjunctivitis coming from the same institution, please inform the Central Notification Office of CHP as early as possible at Fax: 2477 2770 or Tel: 2477 2772. CHP will start epidemiological investigations and take appropriate control measures. More information is also available at the website of CHP at (http://www.chp.gov.hk/content.asp?lang=en&info_id=6529&id=24&pid=9).

Yours sincerely,



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