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Dear Doctor,

Update on renal diseases associated with consumption of melamine tainted milk products (MTMP)

As of today, CHP has received 15 reported cases of children with renal stones suspected to be related to MTMP. While we shall continue the surveillance function, you are requested to report cases to our Central Notification Office under the existing case definition and reporting criteria via fax (24772770), phone (24772772) or CENO On-line (www.chp.gov.hk/ceno).

CHP has operated telephone enquiry hotlines to answer public enquiries and issued daily press releases since 21 September 2008. With the decreasing demand for the hotline services in recent months, the daily press releases and CHP's hotline service will continue until 31 March 2009. Upon receipt of a new case report, CHP will issue a press release to keep the public informed.

With decreasing demand for the screening service, the Hospital Authority (HA) will have the following arrangements to allow resumption of normal operation at the General Outpatient Clinics (GOPCs) and Specialist Outpatient Clinics (SOPCs):

- The health screening service for children with consumption history of MTMP in the 18 Designated Clinics (DC) will be in operation until 31 March 2009.
- The Special Assessment Clinic services will remain in operation until 9 April 2009 or when all cases referred from the DCs have been provided with further assessment service.
- Thereafter, children suspected with renal symptoms related to MTMP may consult private practitioners or attend any of the 74 GOPCs for assessment by acquiring a medical consultation disc through the usual channel, and if clinically indicated, be referred to an appropriate SOPC for further investigation. These services will be subject to the standard fees and charges.

CHP will remain vigilant of the situation.

Yours faithfully,



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