

## Press Release

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Influenza A (H1N1-2009)-related deaths**

The 13-year-old male suffering from epilepsy who was admitted to NUH's Paediatric ICU on 19 Jul 09 and diagnosed with Influenza A (H1N1-2009) has passed away this morning. The cause of death was status epilepticus (prolonged seizures), with influenza A(H1N1-2009) infection as a contributing factor.

The deceased had sought medical treatment at NUH's Emergency Department on 19 July 09 after a day of fever and cough. He suffered cardio-respiratory arrest at the emergency department and was admitted to NUH's Paediatric ICU. Laboratory tests confirmed that he had Influenza A (H1N1-2009) on 20 July 09.

The 55-year-old man suffering from motor neuron disease who was admitted to CGH ICU on 18 Jul 09 and diagnosed with Influenza A(H1N1-2009) also passed away this afternoon. The cause of death was severe pneumonia with advanced motor neuron disease and underlying Influenza A (H1N1-2009).

The deceased had sought medical treatment at CGH's Emergency Department on 18 July 09 after two days of fever and increasing shortness of breath. He suffered cardiac arrest at CGH Emergency Department on 18 Jul 09 and was admitted to CGH ICU. Laboratory tests confirmed that he was infected with Influenza A (H1N1-2009).

#### **Update on latest ICU H1N1 case**

A 42-year-old female foreigner with a history of hypertension and who is overweight sought treatment at TTSH's Emergency Department on 22 July 09 with a three-day history of shortness of breath. She was found to have low oxygen saturation and low blood pressure. Laboratory test confirmed that she has Influenza A (H1N1-2009). She is currently on a ventilator and is in critical condition.

#### **Status update**

The 42-year-old woman with co-morbidities (hypertension, thyroid disease) admitted to CGH's ICU on 18 Jul 09 remains in critical condition.

The 46-year-old female foreigner with hypertension and kidney disease on dialysis admitted to Mount Elizabeth's ICU on 20 Jul 09 is currently in stable condition.

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The 51-year-old female with asthma admitted to TTSH's ICU on 20 Jul 09 is in stable condition.

Of the three patients in SGH's ICU, one has been transferred from ICU to the general ward on 21 Jul 09 while the other two patients are still in SGH's ICU; they are in stable condition.

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