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Top stories in this newsletter

Conference Report: Anti-Microbial Resistance

Our international conference on the highly important global issue of anti-microbial resistance was held on 9-10 November, with many insightful and informative presentations from eminent speakers all over the world. For those who wish to read a summary of the proceedings, a conference report (prepared by Dr Jessika Hu) is accessible here.

In the News: Dr Stephen Chow of DR Group jailed for 12 years

Dr Stephen Chow, owner of the beauty treatment chain DR Group, has been jailed 12 years for manslaughter in relation to beauty treatment blunders in 2012 which resulted in the death of Chan Yuen-lam. His technician, Chan Kwun-chung, was jailed for 10 years. This case is a timely reminder of the problems associated with the unregulated but booming beauty industry in Hong Kong. Read more here.

Girl with tuberculosis held in quarantine

After a 12-year-old girl with a drug-resistant strain of tuberculosis stopped her treatment at a public clinic, she was placed under mandatory quarantine at the Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital in Tai Po. The government had made a decision not to make the girl’s details public, and only confirmed her condition after media reports were released. It was also made clear that future tuberculosis infections would not be announced. A patient advocacy group has criticized the decision to withhold information about tuberculosis infections. Read more here.

In Commentary: DNR Tattoo

A recent report in the New England Journal of Medicine details the unusual case of an unconscious 70-year-old man who was brought into the Accident & Emergency room with the words ‘Do Not Resuscitate’ tattooed onto his chest. The doctors were unsure whether the tattoo was a serious request, or whether it was the regretted consequence of a bout of intoxication. Read more about the case and related controversies here.

新英格蘭醫學雜誌最近報導了一宗不尋常的事件：一個失去意識被帶到急症室的七十歲男子，心口有個寫著「不進行心肺復甦法」的紋身。醫生們不清楚這個紋身究竟是代表該男子的意願，還是只是一個令他後悔的酒後決定。詳情請按此。