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Top stories in this newsletter

New Case Briefing: Supreme Court finds that receptionists at A&E departments owe a tortious duty of care to patients not to provide inaccurate/ misleading information regarding waiting times



In a recent judgment, the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom held that receptionists at Accident & Emergency (A&E) departments owe a tortious duty of care to patients not to provide inaccurate/ misleading information regarding waiting times. Please click [here](#) for a case summary prepared by CMEL.

英國最高法院最近裁定，急症室 (A&E) 的接待人員有責任不向患者提供有關等候時間的不準確/誤導信息。請[按此](#)閱讀本中心撰寫的案件撮要。

In the News :

Hong Kong man became the first person in the world to be found infected by a rat Hepatitis E virus



The world's first case of rat Hepatitis E virus infecting a human has been discovered in Hong Kong. Previously such virus was only found in animals such as rats. Read more [here](#).

香港出現了世界上第一宗人類感染大鼠戊型肝炎病毒的病例，此前這種病毒僅曾在老鼠等動物身上發現。請[按此](#)閱讀有關報導。

The healthcare system of Hong Kong is considered the world's most efficient healthcare system

According to the Bloomberg Health Care Efficiency Index, the healthcare system of Hong Kong claimed the title of the world's most efficient healthcare system and that of Singapore came second in place. Read more [here](#).

根據彭博 (Bloomberg) 醫療效率指數，香港的醫療系統為全球最有效率的醫療系統，而新加坡的醫療系統則排名第二。詳情請[按此](#)。

Patient at a Hong Kong public hospital died after a ward transfer during which his ventilation bag was not connected to oxygen supply

A patient at a Hong Kong public hospital died two days after a ward transfer during which his ventilation bag was not connected to oxygen supply. Read more [here](#).

在一名香港公立醫院的病人轉移病房期間，輔助他呼吸的器具並無接駁氧氣，病人兩天後死亡。詳情請[按此](#)。

In Commentary : Is it ethical for doctors and caretakers to lie to dementia patients if telling the truth will cause the patients distress?



The New Yorker recently published an article on whether it is ethical for doctors and caretakers to lie to dementia patients if telling them the truth will cause them distress. A therapeutic technique that involves lying to dementia patients is criticised for being unethical insofar as it encourages delusions on the part of such patients. Those in defence of such technique, however, would argue that "truth cannot contribute to a good life". Read more [here](#).

最近《紐約客》的一篇文章討論了一個重要議題，即當醫生和看護人員對認知障礙症患者道出真相會使患者感到痛苦的時候，醫生和看護人員對患者說謊是否違反道德。一項針對認知障礙症患者的治療技巧被指鼓勵患者的幻想故此違反道德，然而這種技巧的支持者卻認為道出真相無助於改善患者的生活質素。詳情請[按此](#)。