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Attention News Editors:

The spokesperson for Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital made the following announcement today (4 November) regarding the service arrangement for cataract surgery:

The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences recently conducted routine surveillance of its surgical procedures. It was detected that four male patients (aged 57 to 86) had developed endophthalmitis after undergoing cataract surgery in the operating theatre of the eye outpatient clinic between 24 May and 31 October. Appropriate treatment and follow up have been arranged for the patients concerned. Two of them have recovered while the other two are still being treated with stable condition.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the workflow of the operating theatre complied with the prevailing guidelines, and no abnormalities were found in its facilities and environment. Since the witnessed complication rate is higher than the baseline, as a precautionary measure to ensure patient safety, the hospital has suspended the service of the said operating theatre from 1 to 11 November to conduct thorough environmental cleansing, sampling and testing.

The hospital has contacted 41 affected patients to explain the situation. Surgery of two patients of urgent priority had been arranged as scheduled in another operating theatre in the hospital. For the remaining 39 non-urgent cases, appropriate operation arrangement has been made based on their clinical condition.

The hospital has reported the incident to the Hospital Authority Head Office for necessary follow up. The hospital's infection control team and the relevant departments will continue to review the cases and closely monitor the situation. The hospital would like to apologise to the affected patients for the inconvenience caused.

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