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The submission of the poster about mould problem of TPH

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Introduction

Due to emergence of serious mold problem in TPH for the recent years, the Administration Department of TPH had worked out action plans for solving the problem and then designed 'Mold Report Form' for completion by all user departments to investigate the problem. 27 completed forms had been received from the affected departments. Short and long term measures were then derived and implemented by Local Admin together with HPFM and EMSD offices to solve the problems.

Objectives

To find out the root causes and rectify the mold problem of TPH (by applying Integral Approach with various departments and specialists) with short, interim and long term solutions along with enhanced communication channels.

Methodology

Derive problem reporting form : Problem Reporting Form to be filled in by affected departments for fast finding and data collection for root cause analysis and subsequent implementing and monitoring of the rectification plans. Establish a Joint Working Group by GM (AS) with participation of local admin, local HPFM, EMSD, ICN and representatives of various departments in September 2012 with the following terms of reference (5 working group meetings were held between 9/2012 and 7/2013) : To work out and agree on the Short, Interim and Long Term Solutions to mitigate any health hazard due to mold problem. To monitor and review the action items on the mold issues. To keep hospital users informed of the progress of rectifying the mold issue. To regularly update and report the mold issue to Hospital Management mainly at HOC meetings. To prevent similar mold problem arises at any other areas. Progress update was also reported by local admin to BRC, HCC and even HGC.

Result

Up to Dec 2013, Location rectified : 96 (100% completed) Report work completion to users (total 27 reports) : 27 (100% completed) Only 2 ceiling tiles with mold were found again after the replacement of over 3600 pieces and resuming 24-hr a/c. Joint efforts and wisdom from multidisciplinary teams are required to combat the hospital-wide mold issue with alertness, determination and co-operation. Substantial capital investment is also needed for medium and long term solution including costs for ceiling titles replacement, 24-hr air-conditioning supply and long term improvement

projects.