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In response to the Investigation Report of the Hospital Authority (HA) Special Investigation Panel on the recent medical incident of chemotherapy in Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH), the PWH spokesperson gave the following response:

PWH accepted the recommendations made in the report of the Special Investigation Panel.

After the incident, the hospital had immediately implemented the following measures to enhance the relevant operating procedures:

- Prescribe, prepare, dispense and administer cytotoxic medication by specially trained and designated oncology staff only
- Use separate prescription sheets for prescribing intravenous vincristine and intrathecal chemotherapy
- The clinician administering intrathecal chemotherapy must be familiar with the patient and with the chemotherapy protocol
- Use a formal checking procedure, involving a nurse or doctor who has received training about cancer chemotherapy, to ensure that correct administration of chemotherapy drug
- Use specifically designated containers for both transportation of intrathecal drugs from the pharmacy and for storage
- Package separately and label clearly on the containers for intrathecal drugs
- Administer intrathecal drugs at a different time from other systemically administered drugs
- Prepare vincristine in a small-volume intravenous bag for administration to adult and older children
- Clearly label the warning wordings on the bag and on the outer container for vincristine

PWH will further review the other recommendations of the Special Investigation Panel and work out the improvement measures as soon as possible. The hospital continues to suspend all clinical duties of the concerned staff and would follow up in accordance with the HA human resources policy.

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