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Discharge of the First Children's Bone Marrow Transplant Patient
from the Prince of Wales Hospital

Hong Kong's first paediatric bone marrow transplant patient was discharged from the Prince of Wales Hospital today after ninety days stay in hospital.

The bone marrow transplant was performed on February 6, 1991 by paediatricians of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in the Prince of Wales Hospital new paediatric bone marrow transplant unit. The patient is a 14 year old Chinese girl.

The bone marrow graft has successfully taken place and the bone marrow is now functioning normally. The hospital stay of the patient has been longer than anticipated owing to the development of complications such as graft versus host disease. This complication was however brought under control with the use of immunosuppressive drugs.

The patient will be convalescing in a flat in City One, Shatin provided by the Social Welfare Department pending the full recovery of her immune system which should be complete by one year following the transplant. In the meantime, the patient will be closely followed by paediatricians at the Out-patient Department of the Prince of Wales Hospital.

The patient suffered from chronic myeloid leukaemia, a form of leukaemia not curable by conventional drug therapy. Bone marrow transplant was considered the best and the only chance of a cure.

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