

Burden of the SARS outbreak on hospitals.

- quantitative information

HA SARS 32/03

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SARS Expert Committee
Request for Submissions from Hospital Authority (HA)

The SARS Expert Committee has requested for information on the burden of the SARS outbreak on hospitals (in E-mail dated 6th August 2003 from Secretary, SARS Expert Committee):

We would like to request quantitative information on the burden of the SARS outbreak on hospitals, particularly in the initial period. I should be grateful if you would provide us: On a daily basis (starting from 10.3.03 until end of March) the admission of cases of

- (a) suspected atypical pneumonia (SARS after 15.3.03); and*
- (b) confirmed atypical pneumonia (SARS after 15.3.03).*

If separate figures on (a) and (b) are not available, please provide us with the combined figures on a daily basis.

The following is HA's response:

Workload of hospitals from 10.3.03 to 31.3.03

Date	No. of confirmed SARS patients reported to and registered with Department of Health	Total no. of suspected or confirmed SARS inpatients under treatment in HA hospitals
10-Mar	2	16
11-Mar	20	12
12-Mar	13	42
13-Mar	19	52
14-Mar	30	105
15-Mar	27	137
16-Mar	22	161
17-Mar	21	192
18-Mar	30	262
19-Mar	23	294
20-Mar	25	301
21-Mar	22	336
22-Mar	30	346
23-Mar	29	338
24-Mar	35	367
25-Mar	27	405
26-Mar	47	441
27-Mar	100	519
28-Mar	75	615
29-Mar	92	728
30-Mar	51	794
31-Mar	86	876