

Hospital administrative measures to prevent nosocomial outbreak of COVID-19 in Taiwan

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Abstract

Rationale, aims and objectives. Hospitals are at the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to infection control measures, effective administrative strategies are equally important. We aimed to present administrative measures implemented in a large community hospital in Taiwan. Methods. The strategies employed included regular administrative meetings, entrance control, outdoor fever screen station, ward control, proactive inpatient and outpatient case identification, outdoor walk through dispensary, resource relocation and supplies distribution, guidelines, telemedicine, and group quarantine. Results. After one year of effort, nosocomial infection in a large community hospital of over 7,000 staffs remained zero. Conclusion. In face of the re-emergence of COVID-19 pandemic, by sharing our experiences we may contribute to the global community.

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