

Safe use of proprietary Chinese medicines

Recently, the Department of Health (DH) received notification of a case of adverse event related to the consumption of an oral product suspected to be adulterated with undeclared western medicines. The oral product was purchased in the Malaysia. The patient fully recovered after receiving treatment in a hospital in Hong Kong. DH has issued a press release on 5 April 2012. On 11 April 2012, the Government Laboratory confirmed that the product contained undeclared western medicine, Dexamethasone.

People often purchase oral products, such as proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm), in places outside Hong Kong for health maintenance or treatment of illnesses. Regarding to the above incident, the DH alerts members of the public again to purchase registered pCm only from credible retailers. If you feel unwell, please consult a healthcare professional at once. To protect your health, never purchase any pCm from an unknown source.

Please refer to this link for the approved list of pCm registration:
http://cmchk.org.hk/pcm/eng/idx_listpcmsearch.htm

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