

## **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 a suspected proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm) adulterated with undeclared western medicines purchased in the Mainland. The patient fully recovered after receiving treatment in a hospital in Hong Kong. DH has issued a press release on 30 Mar 2012.

People often purchase pCm in places outside Hong Kong for health maintenance or treatment of illnesses. The DH advises members of the public to purchase 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](http://cmchk.org.hk/pcm/eng/idx_listpcmsearch.htm)

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