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**Australia: Sydney man diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease**

A Sydney man has reportedly become the "one in one million" to be diagnosed with a disease similar to mad cow disease. Frank Burton, 63, has been in a serious condition at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital with the fatal Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) for the past several weeks. Mr. Burton, the former financial officer of the Sydney Swans, was diagnosed with the rare, degenerative disease when he presented at the hospital after falling on a footpath in May, but his condition was only made public on Tuesday. [read more](#)

**India: Four test positive for leptospirosis**

With the onset of rains, dengue and malaria cases have gone up marginally. Doctors at private clinics said that at least four of 10 patients have been coming with dengue symptoms. Heavy rains followed by water stagnation have brought back cases of leptospirosis in the city. Four people have tested positive for leptospirosis, an infectious disease caused by urine of infected animals. [read more](#)

**Korea, Republic of: Reported one new MERS case, total rises to 186**

South Korea's Health Ministry on Sunday reported an additional case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), bringing the total number of cases to 186. "As of now, the total number of patients undergoing treatment is 37, 116 patients have been discharged from hospital and 33 people have died. And the total number of confirmed MERS cases is 186. Compared to yesterday, the total number of patients undergoing treatment has declined by four, and five patients left hospital. [read more](#)

**Pakistan: Reported one suspected and one confirmed CCHF cases**

A woman suspected of suffering from Congo virus was admitted to the Holy Family Hospital (HFH) on Tuesday. The Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) patient was brought from Kallar Kahar in Chakwal with symptoms making the doctors suspect she is suffering from the virus. "The patient's condition is improving fast," said Dr Javed Hayyat, the doctor in charge of the infectious diseases ward at HFH. [read more](#)

A 27-year old male patient from Afghanistan admitted at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) has been diagnosed with Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever. According to hospital staff, Omaidullah was admitted at PIMS with complaints of high fever and gum bleeding on June 27. Patient samples were sent to National Institute of Health that confirmed that he had contracted Congo virus. [read more](#)

**Philippines: A foreigner tested positive for MERS**

The Department of Health confirmed Monday that a foreigner from the Middle East who

recently arrived in the Philippines has tested positive for MERS-Cov. Health Secretary Janette Garin said the 36-year-old foreigner was admitted to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine last Saturday after showing symptoms of MERS-CoV infection on July 2. "He was tested on July 4. At 5 p.m., the test yielded a positive result," she said in a press briefing. [read more](#)

#### **Viet Nam: Lao Cai has issued alert against rabies**

The northern mountainous province of Lao Cai has issued an alert against rabies from pet dogs and cats, after two people died of the disease during the ongoing heat wave. The provincial preventive healthcare centre reported that during the heat wave, which began in late May, 152 people have so far come to health clinics across the province for post-exposure vaccinations against rabies. [read more](#)

#### **Viet Nam: Two die after having raw pig blood (streptococcal infection)**

Two of five men admitted to Ha Noi's National Tropical Diseases Hospital with Streptococcus suis bacterial infection, a pathogen found in pigs, have died. Nguyen Trung Cap, deputy director of the Hospital's Emergency Department, said all the five patients were suffering blood contamination and respiratory decline; they were in a coma and had severe necrosis in their arms and legs. [read more](#)