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Dr. Hong Yu leads a team battling against the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan

A health crisis struck China on the cusp of the New Year. Wuhan, a metropolis of 11 million residents in central China's Hubei Province, became the epicenter of a new coronavirus. As the number of infected cases rapidly rose and the local health care system was under tremendous stress, an unprecedented rescue mission and nationwide battle against the epidemic began.

On February 14, 2020, Dr. Hong Yu, Editorial Board member of *Laparoscopic, Endoscopic and Robotic Surgery*, led 142 medics with respirators, monitors and other medical supplies to Wuhan to combat COVID-19. As an Attending Surgeon and Vice President of Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine,

Dr. Yu and his colleagues represent support to Wuhan from SRRSH (Fig. 1).

Dr. Yu has led his team to guide disease control and treatment on the front line in Wuhan. Specifically, they manage the 64 bed ICU at the Union Hospital affiliated with Tongji Medical College of Huazhong University of Science and Technology. The situation in Union Hospital is grim. There are a lot of critical patients and staff is short on medical supplies. Every second counts in the battle for patient survival! SRRSH medical staff make the best of every minute to treat the patients and targeted treatment is carried out in accordance with patients' individual conditions (Figs. 2 and 3).



Fig. 1 Dr. Yu delivers a speech represented of the team to Wuhan in the People's Great Hall of Zhejiang Province.



Fig. 2 Dr. Yu interviewed by the reporter of China Central Television in Wuhan saying the treatment principle.



Fig. 3 Dr. Yu (the second from left) and his colleagues in the Union Hospital.

Through great efforts, by March 11, 2020, most patients recovered gradually and 31 cases discharged, no deaths have occurred. Wuhan patients felt that Yu and his colleagues brought them confidence and love to defeat the coronavirus and set up warm wards in this severe cold winter.

At present, new confirmed cases in Wuhan have finally started to decline. Fortunately, the dawn of victory has appeared. We wish Dr. Yu and other medical workers a safe and early return.

Conflict of interest

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