Myong Ji Hospital MERS Preparedness and Response Project
(The emergence of new infectious disease response system)

The project aimed at preparedness for and prevention of new infectious diseases. Shortly after the 2015 MERS outbreak the Myong Ji hospital began their project. This project included the following stages: preparation, response, recovery, and enhancement. During the life of this project a response team and isolation room were formed, trainings conducted, and a new response system was established. Special attention was given during the recovery stage to address the extreme stress of healthcare providers and society. The Myong Ji hospital established the emergency infectious disease response research institute (IICER). A website and an international infectious disease symposium were also created to share the project process and other pertinent information with the public. The success of this infectious disease response project was recognized by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, as well as other local governments, and provided a model for strengthening public hospitals in Korea.

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