

Cluster of Candida auris cases in Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (HKBH) made the following announcement today (August 28):

A 91-year-old female patient in a medicine ward of HKBH was confirmed to be carrying *Candida auris* on August 24 without signs of infection. The patient had been discharged earlier. In accordance with the prevailing guideline, HKBH conducted contact tracing and found two more female patients, aged 89 and 93, carrying *Candida auris* without signs of infection. The two patients are now being treated under isolation and are in stable condition.

The ward concerned has adopted the following enhanced infection control measures:

1. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Applied stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients; and
3. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned.

The hospital will continue the enhanced infection control measures and closely monitor the situation in the ward. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.