

# Cluster of Candida auris cases in Prince of Wales Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) made the following announcement today (March 11):

Three patients (aged 70 to 93) in a ward of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics in PWH have been confirmed as carriers of *Candida auris* upon testing since February 20. The patients are hospitalised in isolation without signs of infection and are in stable condition. Two of them have been transferred to Shatin Hospital.

The hospitals concerned will continue the contact tracing investigation in accordance with the prevailing guidelines. A series of enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted:

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

The hospital has reported the cases to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for follow-up and will continue to monitor the situation closely.