

Cluster of Candida auris cases in Yan Chai Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Yan Chai Hospital (YCH) made the following announcement today (September 30):

An 89-year-old male patient in a medical ward of YCH was confirmed to be carrying *Candida auris* on September 25. In accordance with the prevailing guideline, YCH conducted contact tracing and found a 93-year-old male patient also carrying *Candida auris*. Both patients are asymptomatic and are being treated in isolation. They 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 of the ward. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.