

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 (July 13):

Two patients (aged 80 and 82) in a male medical ward of YCH were identified as *Candida auris* carriers, while not having signs of infection, during a routine screening exercise.

One of the patients is now being treated under isolation and is in stable condition, while the other patient passed away on July 12 due to his underlying illness.

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital will conduct contact tracing of close contacts of the patients. A series of enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted to prevent the spreading of *Candida auris*:

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

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