

Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital made the following announcement today (November 30):

A 73-year-old patient in a male medical ward was confirmed to be infected with Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) on November 26. In accordance with the prevailing guideline, the hospital has commenced contact tracing and identified three more male patients (aged 82 to 93) to be CPE carriers without clinical symptoms. One of the patients has been discharged already and the remaining three patients are being treated under isolation and in stable condition.

The Hospital Infection Control Team has followed up with the concerned departments and the Centre for Health Protection. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward:

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

The hospital will continue to 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.