

Cluster of Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Kowloon Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Kowloon Hospital (KH) made the following announcement today (September 3):

Three female patients (aged 86 to 87) of a female medical convalescent ward in KH have been confirmed as the carriers of Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae since August 28. Two of them are being treated under isolation and are in stable condition. The remaining patient has passed away due to her underlying disease.

The hospital infection control team has followed up with the department concerned and the Centre for Health Protection (CHP). The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward:

1. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Continued application of stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients; and
3. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the environment and equipment in the ward.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation in the ward concerned. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the CHP for necessary follow-up.