

Cluster of Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Kwong Wah Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Kwong Wah Hospital (KWH) made the following announcement today (September 11):

Three male patients (aged 62 to 75) in a medical and geriatrics ward in KWH have been confirmed to be carriers of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae upon testing since 27 August. One patient is still hospitalised and treated in isolation with stable condition. The remaining patients have been discharged.

The ward concerned has adopted the following enhanced infection control measures:

1. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Continuing to apply stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients; and
3. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection for the environment and facilities of 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 Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.