

Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Yan Chai Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Yan Chai Hospital made the following announcement today (February 4):

Four female patients (aged 32 to 93) in a medical ward have been confirmed since January 26 to be carriers of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) without clinical symptoms. One patient is currently being treated under isolation at the hospital due to her underlying illness and is in stable condition while the other three patients have already been discharged.

Following the activation of the Emergency Response Level in public hospitals, the visiting arrangement for the ward has been suspended. The following enhanced infection control measures have been adopted according to established guidelines:

1. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene for 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.