

Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae in Tung Wah Eastern Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tung Wah Eastern Hospital made the following announcement today (June 6):

Three female patients (aged 84 to 90) in a medical ward have been confirmed to be carriers of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) since April 21. All patients are still hospitalised and being treated under isolation with stable condition.

The Hospital Infection Control Team has followed up with the departments concerned and experts of 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. Application of stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff, patients and visitors; and
3. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the ward.

Admission to the ward has been suspended. 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.