

Cluster of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus cases in Princess Margaret Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) made the following announcement today (February 26):

A 41-day-old baby boy of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of PMH was confirmed to be carrier of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) without clinical symptoms on February 22. In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, PMH has commenced contact tracing for the patient. Three more baby boys (aged 35 days to 55 days) in the ward were confirmed to be carriers of MRSA without clinical symptoms. These four babies are still being hospitalised under medical surveillance and isolation with stable condition.

Infection control measures of the ward have already been stepped up according to prevailing guidelines. All other infants in the ward are under close medical surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow up.