

# Cluster of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci cases at Tuen Mun Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) made the following announcement today (May 14):

A 63-year-old male patient in an Orthopaedics and Traumatology ward of TMH was confirmed to carry Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) on May 11. In accordance with the prevailing infection control guidelines, the hospital has conducted contact tracing for the index patient. Two more male patients (aged 71 and 72) were found to be VRE carriers but without clinical symptoms. Three patients are still hospitalised under isolation with stable condition.

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

1. Enhanced hand hygiene and stringent contact precautions;
2. Enhanced attention to contamination-prone procedures; and
3. Enhanced disinfection and cleaning of the concerned ward.

The hospital will continue the enhanced infection control measures and 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.