

# 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 (June 9):

A 57-year-old female patient in a mixed Medical and Geriatrics ward of TMH was confirmed as Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) carrier on June 5. In accordance with the prevailing infection control guidelines, the hospital has screened patients who had contact with the index patient. Two more male patients (aged 60 and 72) were confirmed to be VRE carriers, without clinical symptoms. Among the three cases, one male patient has been discharged, the other two are still hospitalised with stable conditions.

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

1. Enhanced hand hygiene and stringent contact precautions have been applied
2. Enhanced attention to contamination-prone procedures
3. Enhanced disinfection and cleansing of the concerned ward

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