

Cluster of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci cases at TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital (WTSH) made the following announcement today (May 16):

A 91-year-old female patient in a rehabilitation and extended care ward of WTSH was confirmed to be a Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) carrier on May 10. In accordance with prevailing infection control guidelines, the hospital has conducted contact tracing. Three more patients (aged 81 to 95) were found to be VRE carriers. Two of the patients are currently being treated in isolation and are in stable condition. The remaining patients have been discharged.

The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward concerned:

1. Isolation of VRE cases and application of stringent contact precautions;
2. Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection; and
3. Enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients.

The hospital will continue the enhanced infection control measures and closely monitor the situation of the ward concerned. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.