

Update on Candida auris case in North Lantau Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement made by Kowloon West Cluster on Candida auris carrier cases, the spokesperson for North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) gave the following update today (July 18):

According to the contact tracing result, one more male patient (aged 85) was confirmed as carrying Candida auris while not having signs of infection. The patient had stayed in the Extended Care Ward of NLTH and has been discharged. In accordance with prevailing guidelines, the following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the hospital:

1. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the wards concerned;
2. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures; and
3. Application of stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients.

NLTH will continue to closely monitor the situation of the patient. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.