

Update on Candida auris cases at Kowloon West Cluster

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on Candida auris carrier cases in Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH), the spokesperson for Kowloon West Cluster (KWC) made the following update today (August 10):

According to the contact tracing result, three more female patients (aged 48 to 70) are confirmed as Candida auris carriers while not having signs of infection. One patient has been transferred to the Medical and Geriatric Ward of Caritas Medical Centre and is under isolation with stable condition; while the other two patients are treated in PMH under isolation with stable condition. In accordance with prevailing guideline, the following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in both hospitals:

1. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the wards concerned
2. Enhance patient and environmental screening procedures
3. Apply stringent contact precautions and enhance hand hygiene of staff and patients

KWC will continue to closely monitor the situation of the patients. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.