

Update on Candida auris cases at Yan Chai Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on Candida auris carrier cases, the spokesperson for Yan Chai Hospital (YCH) gave the following update today (July 10):

According to the contact tracing, five more patients (aged 54 to 90) who had stayed in the same male medical ward were confirmed to carry Candida auris without signs of infection. One of them was old age home (OAH) resident and had been discharged. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) and the Community Nursing Services (CNS) were informed for the concerned case follow-up. Another four patients are now treated under isolation with stable condition. In accordance with prevailing guidelines, YCH has commenced contact tracing for patients who might have had close contact with the index patients. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted:

1. Thorough cleansing 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

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