

Update on Candida auris cases in Kowloon West Cluster

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on Candida auris carrier cases, the spokesperson for Kowloon West Cluster gave the following update today (August 25):

According to contact tracing results, a 75-year-old male patient who had stayed in a surgical ward of Princess Margaret Hospital has been confirmed as a Candida auris carrier while not having signs of infection. The patient has been transferred to the Extended Care Ward of North Lantau Hospital earlier and is now under isolation in stable condition.

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the cluster has continued contact tracing for the patient. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted:

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 for staff and patients.

The cluster 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.