

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 in Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH), the spokesperson for Kowloon West Cluster (KWC) gave the following update today (July 12):

According to the contact tracing result, four more male patients (aged 36 to 64) who have stayed in the Medical and Geriatric Ward of PMH are confirmed as carriers of Candida auris while not having signs of infection. One of the patients was transferred to the Extended Care Ward of North Lantau Hospital and has been discharged, while the other three patients are being treated in PMH under isolation with stable condition. In accordance with prevailing guidelines, the following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in both hospitals:

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.

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.