

Update on Candida auris cases in Yan Chai Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding the earlier announcement on Candida auris carrier cases, the spokesperson for Yan Chai Hospital (YCH) gave the following update today (October 9):

After the implementation of a series of measures to prevent the spread of Candida auris, three more male patients (aged 69 to 83) have been confirmed as Candida auris carriers while not having signs of infection. Among the three patients, two are being treated in YCH under isolation with stable condition while the other patient, who has been discharged, is an old-age home resident. The Centre for Health Protection and the Community Nursing Services have been informed of the cases for follow-up action.

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital will continue contact tracing for the patients. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted:

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