

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 14):

After the implementation of a series of measures to prevent the spread of Candida auris, four more male patients (aged 80 to 92) have been confirmed as Candida auris carriers while not having signs of infection. Among the four patients, one passed away on October 13 due to his underlying illnesses; one is being treated in YCH under isolation with stable condition; and the other two patients, who have been discharged, are old-age home residents. 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.