

Update on cluster of Candida auris cases in Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (HKBH) made the following announcement today (October 8):

After conducting a routine screening for *Candida auris* in a medical ward of HKBH, two female patients (aged 93 and 91) were found to be carriers of *Candida auris*, without signs of infection. One patient was discharged earlier, while the other is now under isolation care and in stable condition.

The ward concerned has adopted the following enhanced infection control measures:

1. enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. applied stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients; and
3. thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned.

The hospital will continue the enhanced infection control measures and closely monitor the situation of the ward. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.