

Update on cluster of Candida auris cases in North Lantau Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on Candida auris carrier cases, the spokesperson for North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) gave the following update today (October 10):

Following a contact tracing investigation, two more patients, males aged 82 and 70 in the emergency medicine ward, were identified as carriers of Candida auris without signs of infection. One patient was discharged earlier, and the other patient was transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital for further isolation treatment and is 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 wards concerned.

The hospital has reported the cases to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for follow-up and will continue to closely monitor the situation.