

Update on cluster of Candida auris cases in Prince of Wales Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on the patients in a ward of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics in Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) confirmed as carriers of *Candida auris*, the spokesperson for PWH gave the following update today (April 2):

Following a contact tracing investigation, one more patient, an 81-year-old male, was identified as a carrier of *Candida auris* without signs of infection. The patient is now being treated in isolation and is in stable condition.

PWH will continue the contact tracing investigation in accordance with the prevailing guidelines. A series of enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted:

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

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