

Update on cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients confirmed as having Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) in a mixed medical ward, the spokesperson for Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (HKBH) gave the following update today (December 17):

According to the contact tracing result, one more 63-year-old female patient has been confirmed as being an asymptomatic carrier of CPE. The patient has been transferred to another hospital and is being treated under isolation with stable condition.

Infection control measures have been stepped up according to the established guidelines in the ward concerned. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.