

Update on cluster of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci cases and parainfluenza cases in Kowloon West Cluster

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) carrier cases and a cluster of patients infected with parainfluenza virus, the spokesperson for Kowloon West Cluster (KWC) gave the following update today (January 5):

According to the contact tracing result of Princess Margaret Hospital, a 58-year-old male in the orthopaedic ward was identified as a carrier of VRE while not having signs of infection. The patient is now being treated in isolation and is in stable condition.

In addition, one more 45-year-old patient in a female ward of learning disabilities of Kwai Chung Hospital has presented with fever and respiratory symptoms since January 3. An appropriate viral test was arranged for the patient and the test result was positive for parainfluenza virus type 3. The patient concerned is currently under treatment and is in stable condition. Admission to the ward has been suspended.

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

1. Enhanced hand hygiene and stringent contact precautions;
2. Enhanced attention to contamination-prone procedures; and
3. Enhanced disinfection and cleaning of the ward concerned.

The KWC will continue to closely monitor the situation of the wards and the patients. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.