

Update on cluster of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci cases at TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) cases, the spokesperson for TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital (WTSH) gave the following update today (May 28):

Following a contact-tracing investigation, one more patient, an 87-year-old female in the rehabilitation and extended care ward of WTSH, was identified as a VRE carrier. She has been transferred to Kwong Wah Hospital for further medical care in isolation and is in stable condition.

The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward concerned:

1. Isolation of VRE cases and application of stringent contact precautions;
2. Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection; and
3. Enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients.

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