

# Update on cluster of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci cases in Princess Margaret Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients confirmed to be carriers of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE), the spokesperson for Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) gave the following update today (August 2):

Having conducted contact tracing, two more male patients (aged 55 and 77) were identified as VRE carriers without clinical symptoms. The 77-year-old patient is being treated under isolation in PMH with stable condition, while the 55-year-old patient has been discharged earlier.

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital has adopted the following enhanced infection control measures:

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

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