

Cluster of Candida auris cases found in Tai Po Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tai Po Hospital (TPH) made the following announcement today (March 6):

A 77-year-old male patient in a medicine and geriatrics ward was confirmed to be a carrier of *Candida auris* on February 28. In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, TPH conducted contact tracing and found two more male patients (aged 49 and 94) being colonised with *Candida auris* without signs of infection. All three patients were transferred to Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital for isolation treatment and are in stable condition.

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

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

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