

Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) Wong Tai Sin Hospital made the following announcement today (March 21):

Three male patients (aged 54 to 70) in a ward of the Department of Rehabilitation and Extended Care have been confirmed to be carriers of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae without clinical symptoms since March 18. One patient has been discharged, while the remaining two are being treated under isolation and in stable condition.

The Hospital Infection Control Team has followed up with the departments concerned and experts of the Centre for Health Protection. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward:

1. Enhance patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Apply stringent contact precautions and enhance hand hygiene of staff, patients and visitors; and
3. Enhance cleaning and disinfection of the ward.

The hospital will continue to 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.