

Cluster of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus cases in Tuen Mun Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) made the following announcement today (May 18):

A 22-day-old female baby in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of TMH was confirmed to be Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) carrier on May 6. She is hospitalised under medical surveillance and isolation. In accordance with the prevailing infection control guidelines, the hospital performed screening and two more babies (35-day old male and 9-day old female) in the Unit were confirmed to have MRSA. They are hospitalised under medical surveillance and isolation. One of them was in critical condition and the other two were serious, due to their underlying diseases.

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

1. Isolate the confirmed and carrier MRSA cases at designated area in the same ward and to be taken care by dedicated healthcare staff so as to prevent cross-contamination
2. Enhance disinfection and cleansing of the ward concerned;
3. Reinforce contact precautions and hand hygiene;
4. Enhance attention to contamination-prone procedures; and
5. Continue to closely monitor the conditions of concerned patients.

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