

Update on Candida auris cases in Princess Margaret Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) gave the following update today (September 30):

In light of earlier cases of *Candida auris*, PMH has implemented measures to prevent the spread of *Candida auris*, including enhanced admission screening and close contact tracing of patients. Two more male patients (aged 71 and 82) in a Medical and Geriatric ward of PMH have been confirmed as *Candida auris* carriers while not having signs of infection. The two patients are now being treated under isolation with stable condition.

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital will continue contact tracing for the patients. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted:

1. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the wards concerned;
2. Enhanced admission screening for patients 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.