

# Cluster of Carbapenem Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority.

The spokesperson for Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital made the following announcement today (November 17):

Five male patients and three female patients (aged 64 to 89) in a medical ward have been confirmed to be carriers of Carbapenem Resistant Acinetobacter since October 30. Four of them are currently under medical surveillance and isolation treatment at Tai Po Hospital with stable condition, while the other four patients have been discharged.

Following the activation of the Emergency Response Level in public hospitals, the visiting arrangement has been suspended. The following enhanced infection control measures have been implemented according to established guidelines:

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

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection. The hospital will closely monitor all other patients in the ward.