

# Cluster of Carbapenem Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Prince of Wales Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Prince of Wales Hospital made the following announcement today (October 28):

Four male patients (aged 73 to 87) in a medical ward have been confirmed to be carriers of Carbapenem Resistant Acinetobacter since October 19. Two of them are currently under medical surveillance and isolation treatment with stable condition, while one patient had been discharged earlier and the other one had passed away due to his underlying disease.

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

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

All other patients in the ward are under close medical surveillance. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.