

Cluster of Carbapenem Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Tai Po Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority.

The spokesperson for Tai Po Hospital (TPH) made the following announcement today (January 8):

Five patients (aged 57 to 82) in a male orthopaedic rehabilitation ward of TPH were confirmed to have been infected with Carbapenem Resistant Acinetobacter since January 2. Two patients are currently under isolation treatment with stable condition. One patient has been discharged. The remaining two patients, who are currently hospitalised under isolation in Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital and Kwong Wah Hospital respectively, are in stable condition.

The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted:

1. Enhanced cleansing and disinfection of the ward concerned;
2. Applied stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene; and
3. Enhanced attention to contamination-prone procedures.

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.