

Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases at Queen Elizabeth Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital made the following announcement today (November 8):

Four patients (three male and one female, aged 58 to 87) in a mixed Surgical Ward have been confirmed to be carriers of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae since November 1 without clinical symptoms. Two patients concerned are in stable condition and one is serious due to underlying illness. The remaining patient has been transferred to another hospital in stable condition.

The Hospital Infection Control Team has followed up with the departments concerned and experts of the Centre for Health Protection. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward:

1. Enhance patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Apply stringent contact precautions and enhance hand hygiene of staff and patients; and
3. Enhance cleaning and disinfection of the ward.

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