

Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital made the following announcement today (March 23):

Four patients (aged 55 to 87) in a male Integrated Medical & Geriatric ward have been confirmed to have Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) since March 17. Three patients concerned are still hospitalised and being treated under isolation with stable condition. The remaining patient had been discharged.

The Hospital Infection Control Team has followed up with the concerned departments 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, patients and visitors
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.