

# Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Shatin Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Shatin Hospital made the following announcement today (June 7):

Four male patients (aged 56 to 80) in a Medical and Geriatric Ward have been confirmed as being carriers of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) since May 31. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation with 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. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Applying stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients; and
3. Enhanced 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.