

# Cluster of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter cases in North District Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the North District Hospital (NDH) made the following announcement today (April 14):

Since April 4, five male patients (aged 75 to 89) of a medical ward have been confirmed as carriers of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter. Among them, a 76-year-old patient and an 89-year-old patient had passed away earlier due to their underlying diseases. Two other patients are currently hospitalised under isolation in NDH with stable condition, and the remaining patient had been discharged earlier.

Following the activation of the Emergency Response Level in public hospitals, the visiting arrangement for the ward has been suspended. The following enhanced infection control measures have been stepped up according to the 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.

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 conditions of other patients in the ward.