

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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for North District Hospital (NDH) made the following announcement today (May 3):

Since April 22, six male patients (aged 56 to 91) of an orthopaedic and traumatology ward have been confirmed as carriers of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter. The six patients are currently hospitalised under isolation in NDH. One of them is in serious condition due to his underlying diseases and the other patients are in stable condition.

Following the activation of the Emergency Response Level in public hospitals, the visiting arrangement for the ward concerned has been suspended. The following enhanced infection control measures have been implemented 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 case has been reported to the Centre for Health Protection and the Hospital Authority Head Office for necessary follow-up. The Hospital will continue to closely monitor the conditions of other patients in the ward.