

Cluster of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter 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 (February 11):

Three male patients (aged 65 to 87) of a medical ward have been confirmed as having Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter since January 30. Among the patients, a 65-year-old patient passed away on February 5 due to his underlying illness, one patient is still hospitalised under isolation with stable condition, and the other patient had been discharged earlier.

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

1. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;
2. Application of stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of 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.