

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 (April 3):

Four patients (aged 40 to 82) in a male Orthopaedics and Traumatology ward have been confirmed as having Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter since February 7. Two of them are currently under medical surveillance and isolation treatment with stable condition. One patient has been discharged, while the remaining one has passed away due to his underlying disease.

The following enhanced infection measures have already been adopted:

1. Enhanced disinfection and cleaning of the ward concerned;
2. Applying stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene; and
3. Enhanced attention to contamination-prone 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 situation of the ward.