

Cluster of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Queen Elizabeth Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital made the following announcement today (January 2):

Three patients (aged 78 to 94) of a male medical ward have been confirmed as having Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter (MDRA) since December 17 last year. The three patients succumbed earlier due to underlying diseases.

Separately, a further four patients (aged 61 to 81) of the intensive care unit have been confirmed as having MDRA since December 19 last year. One of the patients had succumbed due to underlying diseases. The remaining three patients are under isolation. Two of them are in critical condition due to underlying disease while one is in stable condition.

Infection control measures for the wards concerned have already been stepped up according to prevailing guidelines. All other patients in the wards are under close medical surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.