

Infectious disease cases in New Territories West Cluster

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for New Territories West Cluster made the following announcement today (July 28):

Three patients (aged 67 to 80) of a male medicine and geriatrics ward of Tuen Mun Hospital have been confirmed to be carriers of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter (MDRA) since July 16. The three patients are still hospitalised under further medical surveillance. One patient is in critical condition due to underlying disease while the other two are in stable condition.

On the other hand, Siu Lam Hospital has an update on earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Rhinovirus in a female ward for severe intellectual disability, five more patients (aged 24 to 60) in the ward had presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged and their test results were positive to Rhinovirus. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation with stable conditions. Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up at the two hospitals according to established guidelines and will continue to impose close surveillance to all patients in the concerned wards.

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