

Update on cluster of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients confirmed to be carriers of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter (MDRA) in medical wards, the spokesperson for Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital gave the following update today (June 8):

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital commenced contact tracing and confirmed one more 81-year-old male patient of the medical ward as a carrier of MDRA. The patient has been discharged from the hospital earlier and is currently in stable condition.

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

1. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;
2. Enforced stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients; and
3. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation in the ward concerned. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.