

Update on cluster of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern 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 Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (PYNEH) made the following update today (April 7):

In accordance with prevailing guidelines, the hospital has commenced contact tracing and confirmed three more patients (two males and one female, aged 68 to 96) in the medical wards to be carriers of MDRA. One patient is still hospitalised in PYNEH and two patients have been transferred to Tung Wah Eastern Hospital. They are currently under medical surveillance and isolation treatment with stable condition.

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

1. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of wards concerned;
2. Applied stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients; and
3. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures.

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