

# 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 made the following update today (April 9):

In accordance with prevailing guideline, the hospital has commenced contact tracing and confirmed one more 81-year-old male patient in the medical ward to be the carrier of MDRA. The patient is currently under medical surveillance and isolation treatment with stable condition.

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

- 1.Enhance cleaning and disinfection of wards concerned;
- 2.Apply stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients; and
- 3.Enhance 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.