

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 spokesman for Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (PYNEH) gave the following update today (April 26):

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital commenced contact tracing and confirmed four more male patients (aged 46 to 86) in the medical ward to be the carriers of MDRA. One patient is still hospitalised in PYNEH, one patient has been transferred to Tung Wah Eastern Hospital and one patient has been transferred to Ruttonjee & Tang Shiu Kin Hospitals. They are currently under medical surveillance and isolation treatment with stable condition. The remaining patient has passed away due to underlying disease.

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

1. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the wards concerned;
2. Application of 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 wards concerned. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.