

Update on cluster of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Pok Oi 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 a Medicine and Geriatrics ward, the spokesperson for Pok Oi Hospital gave the following update today (July 13):

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital commenced contact tracing and confirmed one more patient, an 83-year-old male, as a carrier of MDRA. He is currently hospitalised under isolation with stable condition.

The following enhanced infection control measures have continued to be implemented according to the established guidelines:

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

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