

Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Queen Elizabeth Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital made the following announcement today (July 15):

Four male patients (aged 60 to 89) of a male surgical ward have been confirmed as being carriers of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae since June 3. Two patients had been discharged earlier, and the remaining two patients are being treated under isolation and in stable condition.

The hospital infection control team has followed up with the department concerned and the Centre for Health Protection (CHP). The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward:

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

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