

The preliminary yearly figures in respect of the situation of patients detected with antibiotic-resistant bacteria in public hospitals in the past three years

Types of bacteria	Yearly figures					
	2011		2012		2013	
	Total number of cases	Per 1 000 patient days	Total number of cases	Per 1 000 patient days	Total number of cases	Per 1 000 patient days
MRSA	7 551	1.056	8 315	1.132	9 013	1.219
ESBL	13 070	1.828	14 224	1.937	14 272	1.931
CRA	1 786	0.250	2 181	0.297	2 761	0.373

Notes :

- (a) The above table sets out the preliminary yearly figures in respect of the situation of patients carrying the bacteria in public hospitals. The expert group of the Hospital Authority (HA) is still working on the standardisation of testing methodology in laboratories and data collection and analysis. As some cases involve carriers only, the amount of antibiotic-resistant bacteria isolated should not be used to represent the infected cases.
- (b) It is probable that some cases of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (e.g. ESBL and MRSA) are incubated or infected in the community. The above figures may not represent the number of patients who acquires the antibiotic-resistant organism during hospitalisation.