



< Patient Name>
<Address line 1>
<Address line 2>
<Date>

Dear <name>

You are receiving this letter because a laboratory test taken during your recent admission to <name> hospital showed that you are carrying a bacterium (or germs) called <MRO> that requires special management.

This bacterium is known to be resistant to a number of antibiotics (this means the antibiotics are no longer effective) and it is known to spread easily between patients within hospitals. When a bacterium becomes resistant to antibiotics we call this a multi-resistant organism or MRO. We have enclosed a fact sheet on < MRO> to provide you with more information.

Because it is necessary to take extra care to prevent the spread of these bacteria in hospital, information about your MRO has been stored on the hospital computer system which is confidential and securely protected. If you are readmitted to hospital, the staff will see this information and make sure correct measures are taken to protect you and other patients in the hospital. This means you may be cared for in a single room and staff may wear gowns or aprons and gloves when caring for you. This helps prevent the spread of these MROs to others.

As the computer system used in WA hospitals is not always the same, if you are admitted to a different hospital, the staff may not be able to see this information. It is important that you tell the staff at any hospital you are admitted to that you have <MRO> and you should take this letter with you to show them.

Finally, we would like to reassure you that having this MRO should not be a problem for you or your family at home, or in the workplace, and you do not have to do anything differently. If you have any further concerns please contact < name or service> on <telephone> between <hours of access>

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Yours sincerely

<name>
<position>
<department>