<Date>

<Patient details>

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Dear <Patient name>,

We are contacting you regarding your recent admission to <hospital name>. During your admission you shared a room with another patient who has subsequently been diagnosed with an infection caused by bacteria that is resistant to many antibiotics. This bacteria is referred to as a carbapenemase-producing organism (CPO).

As soon as the patient tested positive for CPO, staff took precautions to prevent the spread of CPO to others. It is prior to the patient testing positive for CPO that you shared a room/bathroom with them.

As a precaution, we are contacting all patients who shared a room and/or bathroom with this patient before they were known to have CPO as there is a small risk that you may have picked up the organism. As such, if you are readmitted to a health care facility in the next **12 months** you should advise the facility that you are a **room contact** of someone who has been found to have CPO. The hospital will then arrange for you to be screened for CPO.

Please keep this letter so that you can show staff when you are next admitted to a health care facility.

Alternatively, if you wish to be screened for CPO before you are admitted this can be arranged with <hospital name>. Please contact <name of designated contact>, <department> on <phone number> during business hours. Please note that if you arrange for screening with your GP, you will be charged as this screening test is not rebated through Medicare.

Further information regarding CPO is available in the information sheet provided with this letter. If you have any further questions as a result of this letter, please contact <name of designated contact>, <department> on <phone number> during business hours or take this letter to your GP to discuss with them.

Regards,