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People with weakened immune systems can become infected with resistant A. fumigatus by breathing it from the environment or developing it in their bodies. These infections are hard to treat and life-threatening.

Some patients with chronic A. fumigatus infections take azole antifungals over a long time.

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