

Candida auris in Health Care:



Recognize the Risk and Stop the Spread

What Is *Candida auris* (*C. auris*)?

C. auris is a fungus that spreads easily in hospitals and nursing homes. *C. auris* infections are often difficult to treat and can lead to death in very sick patients.

Recognize the Risk of *C. auris*

C. auris lives on skin and surfaces, including:

- high-touch surfaces such as doorknobs and bedrails.
- equipment and devices such as vital signs machines, breathing tubes and catheters.



C. auris spreads through touch, including:

- touching a patient or their environment.
- touching contaminated equipment.

C. auris can live on surfaces for weeks and cannot be killed by some of the most common healthcare disinfectants.

Stop the Spread of *C. auris*



Clean your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water to remove and kill *C. auris*.



Use a gown and gloves when touching a patient with *C. auris* or when touching items in their room to prevent it from getting on you.



Clean and disinfect the patient's room and equipment with a product that effectively kills *C. auris*.

Learn More

Preventing the Spread of *C. auris*:

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