

# *Candida auris* Prevention and Control

## What is *Candida auris* (*C. auris*)?

1. A multidrug-resistant fungus that causes serious infections that is spread in healthcare facilities.
2. Spreads easily through contact with contaminated surfaces or via healthcare worker's hands.
3. Can survive on surfaces for weeks.

## What are the risk factors?

1. A weakened immune system.
2. History of long-term antibiotic use.
3. Frequent and prolonged stays in healthcare settings.
4. Presence of indwelling devices and wounds.

## What steps can I take to stop the spread?

Clean and Disinfect	Hand Hygiene: Know when to clean your hands	Enhanced Barrier Precautions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use disinfectants that are effective against <i>C. auris</i>.</li><li>• Clean high-touch surfaces daily.</li><li>• If dedicated equipment is not available, disinfect shared, reusable equipment after every use.</li><li>• Follow contact/wet time as directed by manufacturer's instructions for use.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Immediately before touching a patient.</li><li>• Before performing an aseptic task such as placing an indwelling device or handling invasive medical devices.</li><li>• Before moving from work on a soiled body site to a clean body site on the same patient.</li><li>• After touching a patient or patient's surroundings.</li><li>• After contact with blood, body fluids, or contaminated surfaces.</li><li>• Immediately after glove removal.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perform hand hygiene</li><li>• Wear gown and gloves during high contact resident care activities.</li></ul>