

Multidrug-Resistant Organism Travel Screening Guidance

As part of the Tennessee Department of Health's Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Program's (TDH HAI/AR) effort to contain multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs), we are recommending that Tennessee healthcare facilities **screen high-risk patients on admission**.

MDROs of particular concern are ***Candida auris*** and **Carbapenemase-producing organisms (CPOs)**. CPOs can include Carbapenem-resistant *Enterbacteriaceae* (CRE), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA), and *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB).

High-risk patients include patients who:

- ⇒ Have had an **overnight stay** in a healthcare facility in **high-prevalence areas of the U.S.** in the previous 12 months
- ⇒ Have had an **overnight stay** in a healthcare facility **outside of the U.S.** (except Canada) in the previous 12 months
- ⇒ Are being admitted from a **high-risk facility**

Candida auris

High prevalence areas of the U.S. include **New York City, New Jersey, Chicago, Miami-Dade and Broward counties in Florida, and Orange County in California**. This is up-to-date as of August 7, 2019.

Screen patients who have had overnight stays in healthcare facilities in high prevalence areas of the U.S., outside of the U.S., and/or who are being admitted from a high-risk facility with a **bilateral axilla/groin swab**.

Bilateral axilla/groin sampling should be performed using a **rayon tip or nylon-flocked swab**.

For more **detailed guidance** on how to screen, please see the [Candida auris Specimen Collection and Shipping Guidance](#) from the AR Lab Network's Southeast Regional Lab.

CPOs

Screen patients who have had an overnight stay in a healthcare facility outside of the U.S. (except Canada) and/or who are being admitted from a high-risk facility with a **rectal swab**.

Rectal sampling should be performed using a **Cepheid dual swab collection device**.

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