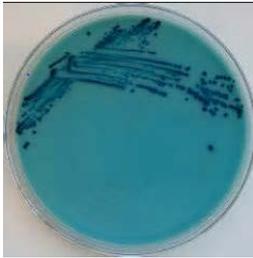




These 3 Steps Can Help Your Facility Prevent CRE!



1. KNOW YOUR COLONIZED/INFECTED PATIENTS.

- Identification of colonized individuals allows for appropriate interventions and the safest care.
- Being a CRE carrier is never a reason to defer admission.
- For every one known carrier there are likely two others.



2. USE PROPER HAND HYGIENE ALWAYS.

- Hand Hygiene is the foundation of prevention.
- Ensure easy access to soap and water or alcohol-based hand gels.
- Monitor hand hygiene practice and provide regular feedback.

3. IMPLEMENT CONTACT PRECAUTIONS AND PATIENT COHORTING BASED ON HIGH RISK FOR CRE + RESIDENTS.

- **High-Risk Resident** (strict contact precautions)
 - Cannot perform ADL's independently
 - Ventilator dependent
 - Incontinent of stool/urine
 - Drainage/secretions not contained

Keypoint: all care must be restricted to the resident's room!

- **Low-Risk Resident** (contact precautions based on care needs)
 - Can perform ADL's independently
 - NOT ventilator dependent
 - Continent of stool/urine
 - Drainage/secretions ARE contained

Keypoint: Gowns & gloves should be utilized during high-risk activities with low-risk residents (bathing, toileting assistance, wound care, device manipulation)!



Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



Wear gloves when providing direct care



Wear gown when providing direct care

