

Antifungal Stewardship

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Outline

- What is antifungal stewardship?
- Opportunities
 - Immunocompromised
 - Immunocompetent: Target *Candida*
- *Candida* Resistance

Antifungal Stewardship

- Goal: Optimize the use of antifungals to achieve the best outcomes while minimizing adverse events and limiting selection pressures that drive resistance.
- Right drug, right dose, right duration, right patient
- Challenges:
 - Diagnostics vary (timing, sensitivity, specificity)
 - → Overutilization & high costs
 - Immunocompromised patients

Pfaller, MA et al. *Medical Mycology* 2016;54: 1-22.

Ananda-Rajah et al. *Current Opinion in ID* 2012; 25(1): 107-15.

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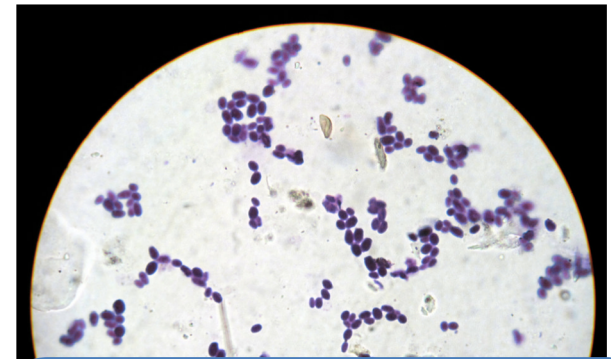
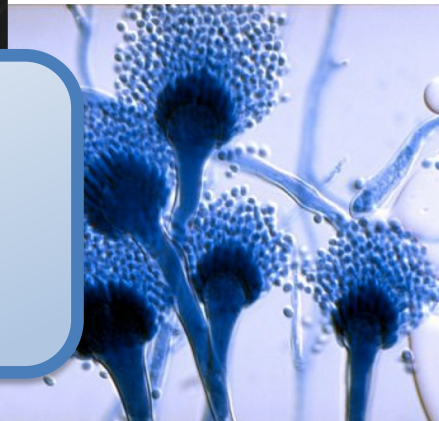


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Daily Costs:

Posaconazole: \$500

Voriconazole: \$200



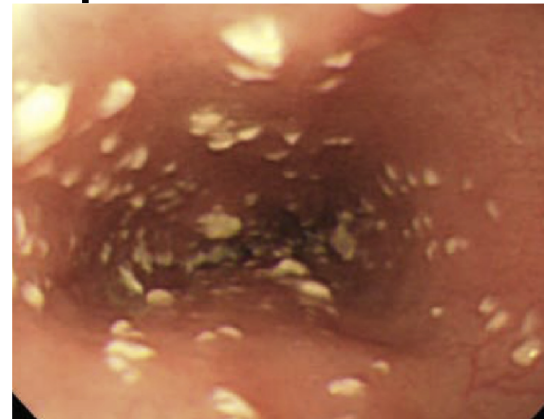
Daily Costs:

Micafungin: \$62

Fluconazole: \$4

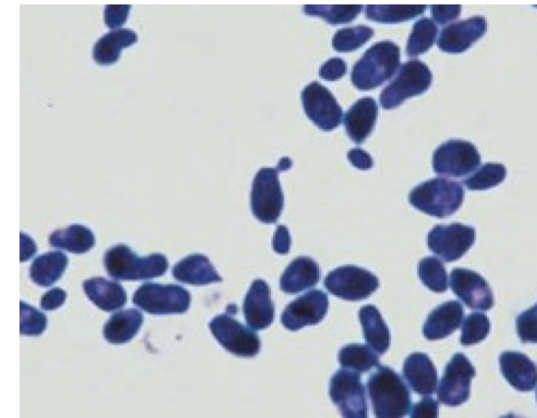
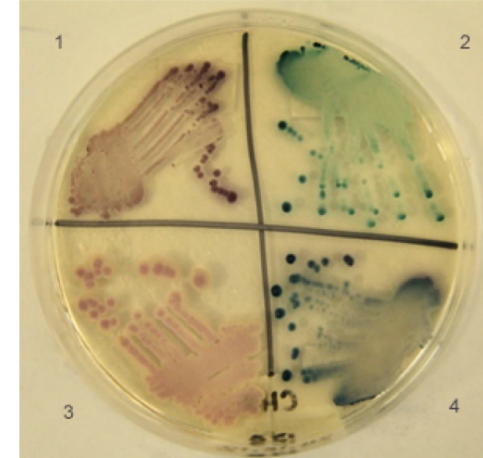
Let's Focus on Candidiasis

- Fungal infection caused by yeasts from genus *Candida*
- Most common species: *Candida albicans*
- NORMALLY lives on mucous membranes (oropharynx, esophagus, vagina) without causing infections
- Overgrowth can lead to symptoms



Invasive Candidiasis

- Candidemia
- 4th most common cause of health-care associated bloodstream infections in the US
 - 46,000 / year
 - Each case results in 3-13 days of additional hospitalization
 - Est. \$6k – 29k additional costs per case → Millions of \$\$ annually



Invasive Candidiasis

- Over 15 distinct *Candida* species, but >90% of invasive disease is caused by these 5:

Species	% of total by surveillance program (No. of isolates)		
	SENTRY ^a (860)	PATH ^b (3,648)	CDC ^c (2,209)
<i>C. albicans</i>	47	42	41
<i>C. glabrata</i>	18	27	27
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	18	16	18
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	11	9	9
<i>C. krusei</i>	1	3	2
Other	5	3	3

Risk Factors for Candidemia

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Gastric acid suppression	↑colonization
Indwelling catheter	IV access
TPN	IV access, hyperglycemia, possible contamination
Surgery	Route, IV access
Mechanical ventilation	Route
Renal failure / Hemodialysis	IV access, immunosuppression
Malnutrition	Immunosuppression
Hospital or ICU stay, duration	Exposure to factors above

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Candidemia Treatment in Non-neutropenic Patients:

Echinocandins: (strong rec, high-quality evidence)

- Micafungin 100 mg daily
- Caspofungin 70 mg load, then 50 mg daily
- Anidulafungin 200 mg load, then 100 mg daily

Fluconazole IV or PO 800 mg load, then 400 mg daily

- IF not critically ill
- AND unlikely to have fluc-resistant *Candida*

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Candidemia in Non-Neutropenic Patients

CVCs should be removed as early as possible when source is presumed to be the CVC and can be removed safely (strong rec, mod evidence)

ETT: Growth from resp. secretions usually indicates colonization and rarely requires treatment (strong, mod)

Indwelling bladder catheters should be removed whenever feasible as they are predisposing factors. (strong, low)

- Asymptomatic Candiduria: does NOT require treatment.*
- Symptomatic Candiduria: can treat based on organism

*Excludes patients about to undergo urologic procedure & VLBW infants.

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Candidemia in Non-Neutropenic Patients

Transition from echinocandin to fluconazole (within 5-7 days) for clinically stable patients who are fluconazole-susceptible. (Strong/mod)

- If *C. glabrata*, use high dose fluconazole 800 mg IV or PO

All non-neutropenic candidemic patients should have a dilated ophthalmologic exam to r/o endophthalmitis (Strong/low)

Recommended duration of therapy for candidemia without metastatic complications is **2 weeks** after documented clearance of blood cultures. (Strong, mod)

Should prophylaxis be used to prevent invasive candidiasis in the ICU?

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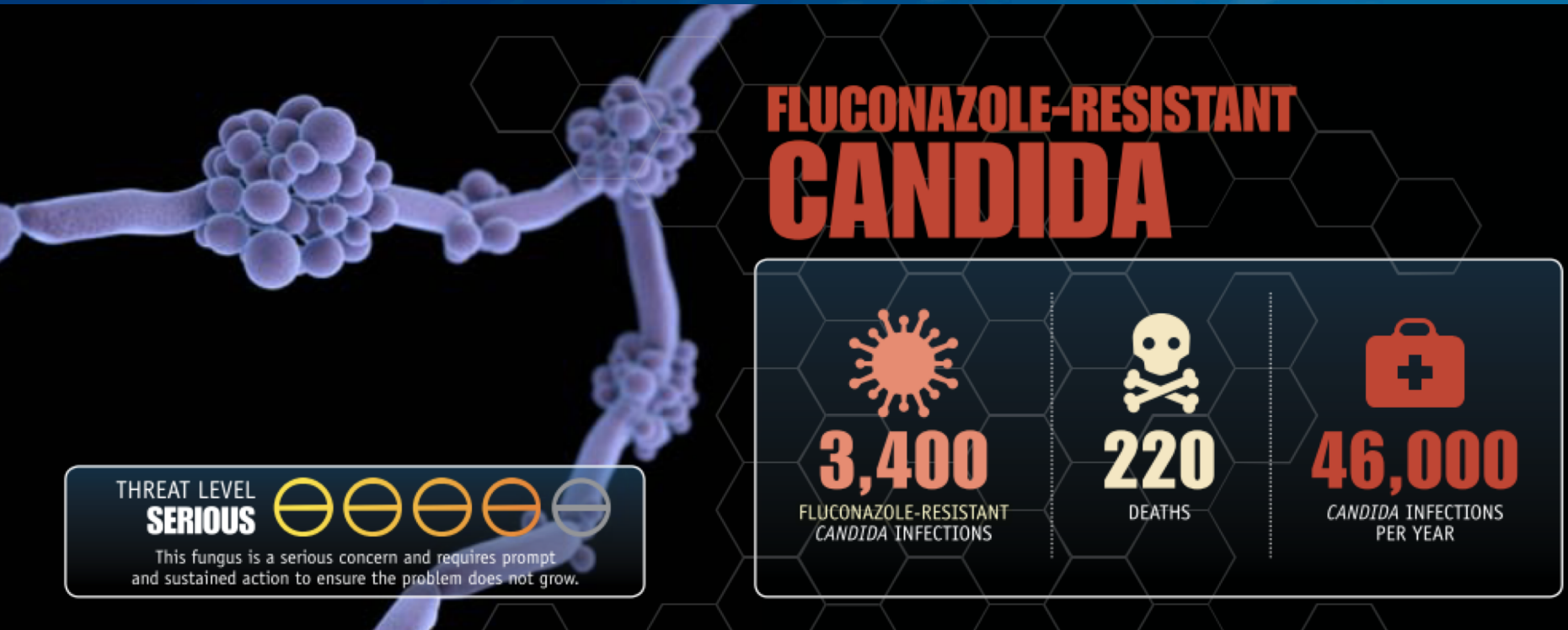
IDSA GUIDELINE



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- Weak evidence for fluconazole or echinocandin prophylaxis
- Consider for high-risk/ICU patients if >5% invasive candidiasis
- Half the studies ↓ candidemia but no diff in mortality
- None looked at possibility of ↑ resistant Candida

Resistant Candida



- Identified by CDC as one of 12 serious antimicrobial resistance threats in their 2013 report.
- Who gets these?

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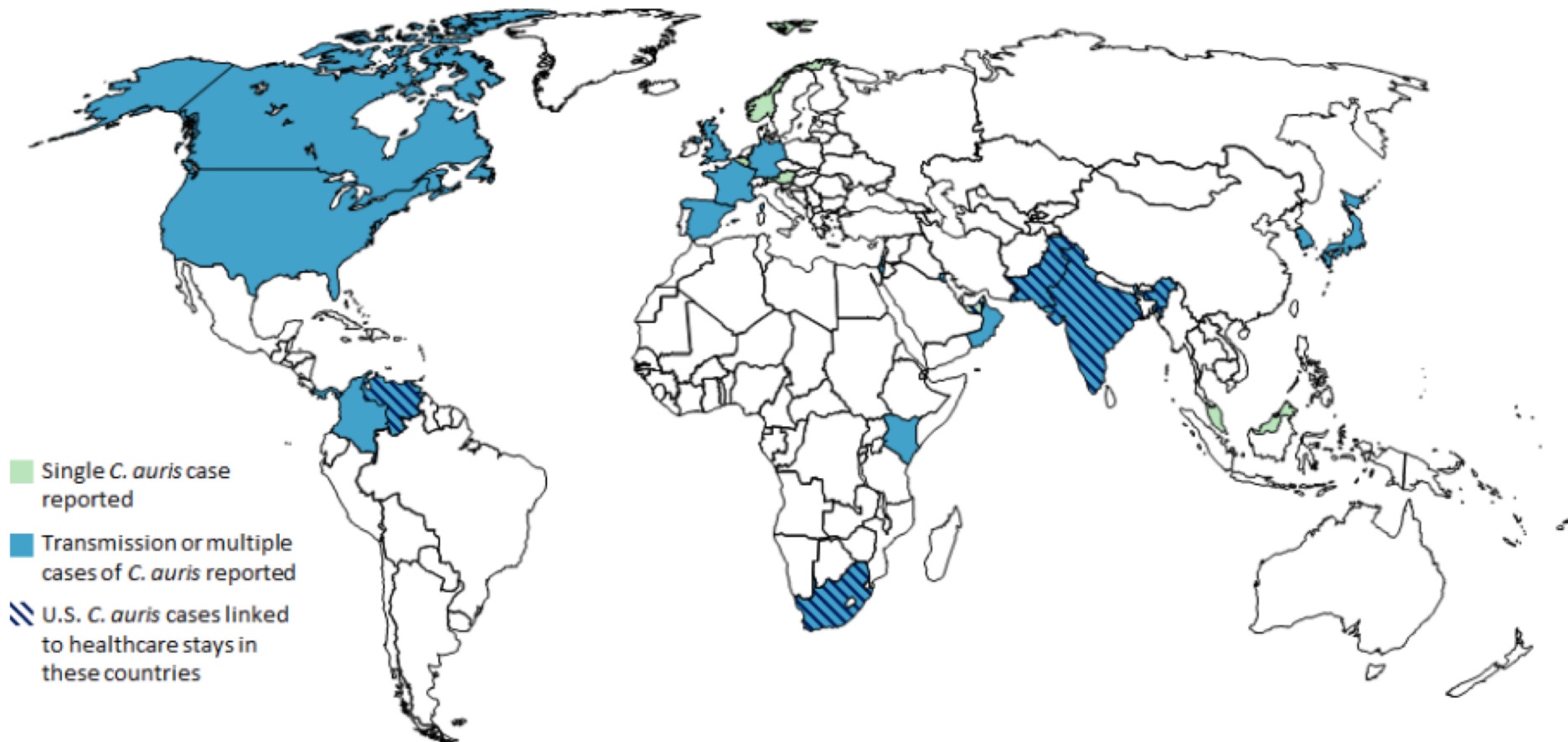
Stem cell transplant patients in particular

- Use fluconazole prophylaxis
- Tend to be non-*C. albicans* species
- Up to 20% *C. glabrata* resistant to fluconazole

Hamdy, RF et al. *Virulence* 2016;8(6): 658-72.

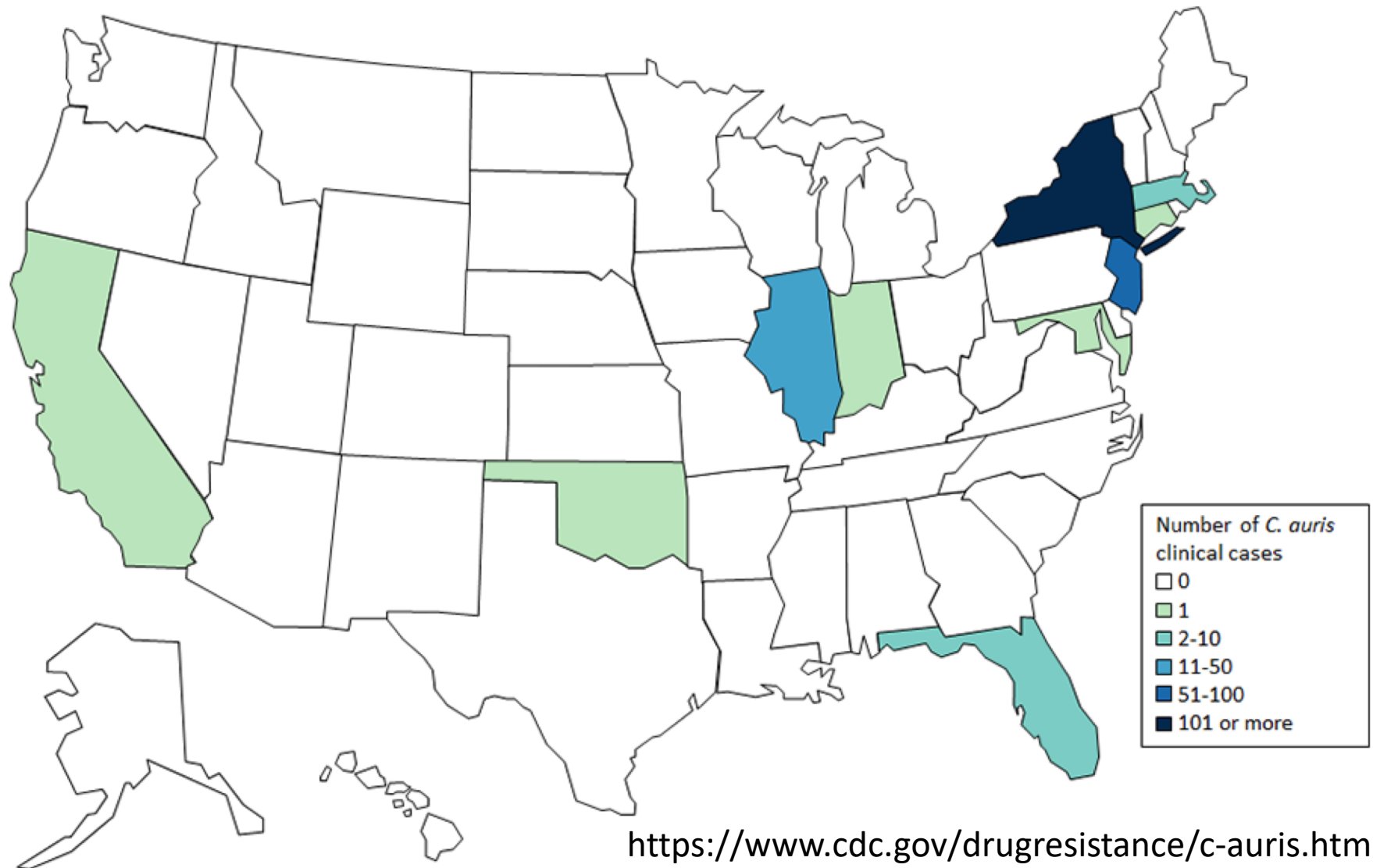
Resistant Candida: *C. auris*

Countries from which *Candida auris* cases have been reported, as of April 15, 2018



<https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/candida-auris/tracking-c-auris.html>

U.S. Map: Clinical cases of *Candida auris* reported by state, United States, as of October 31, 2017



<https://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/c-auris.html>

Cases are categorized by the state where the specimen was collected. Most [probable cases](#) were identified when laboratories with current cases of *C. auris* reviewed past microbiology records for *C. auris*. Isolates were not available for confirmation. Early detection of *C. auris* is essential for containing its spread in healthcare facilities.

Candida auris, cont

- Who is at risk?
 - Recent surgery, diabetes, use of broad-spectrum antibiotics and antifungal use.
 - Recent nursing home stay and lines/tubes (CVC, feeding tubes, etc.) are at highest risk
 - All ages (pre-term infants to elderly)
- 30-60% patients with invasive *C. auris* have died.
- Echinocandins are still first line
- Standard & Contact Precautions, Hand Hygiene

Questions

- How does the lab identify *Candida auris*?
- How much invasive *Candida* do you see?
- Do you see areas your hospital could improve with regard to antifungal use/overuse?