



CANDIDA AURIS OUTBREAK!

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This yeast can - in some hospital patients - enter the bloodstream and spread throughout the body, causing serious invasive infections. This yeast often does not respond to commonly used antifungal drugs, making infections difficult to treat.

The lethality is between 30 and 60 %. Especially lethal for immuno compromised patients.

Candida Auris outbreak



New York, California, Florida and Illinois.

- Multiple cases of *Candida Auris* have been reported from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Venezuela; in some of these countries, extensive transmission of *Candida Auris* has been documented in more than one hospital.

HOW DOES *CANDIDA AURIS* SPREAD ?

- *Candida* species reside in our intestine microbiome. *Candida Auris* spreads from person to person via direct contact or by coming in contact with contaminated surfaces or equipment. *Candida* patients also shed skin particles that contain the yeast.
- The most common symptoms of invasive *Candida* infection is fever and chills that do not improve after antibiotic treatment.

HOW CAN LAUNDRIES HELP STOPPING THIS GLOBAL THREAT?

The number one priority is sticking to the standard hygiene guidelines.

In addition:

- Thermal or chemo-thermal disinfection
- Never use starch in a hospital or care home laundry
- Make sure that the cleaned linen – when leaving the laundry – has a relative moisture level below 5 %
- Dosing a Quaternary Ammonium based product in the last rinse reduces the hygiene risks



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