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Controlling Candida auris

Summary: To control the spread of Candida auris in a facility, it is crucial to implement a comprehensive infection prevention and control strategy, which includes early identification, isolation of affected patients, diligent hand hygiene, thorough environmental cleaning, appropriate use of personal protective equipment, and staff education.

Starting steps of control-

Early identification:

Implement routine surveillance for Candida auris in high-risk patients.

Isolation and cohorting:

Place patients with confirmed or suspected Candida auris infections in private rooms or cohort them with other affected patients.

Designate a specific area for these patients and restrict the movement of staff and equipment within the facility.

Hand hygiene:

Ensure strict adherence to hand hygiene protocols by all staff, including washing hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after patient contact.

Environmental cleaning:

Use EPA-registered hospital-grade disinfectants, specifically those effective against C. Auris that can be found on the EPA P List. The primary disinfectant used is Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)

If the products on List P are not accessible or otherwise suitable, facilities may use an EPA-registered hospital-grade disinfectant effective against C. difficile spores.

Link for EPA P List-

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-p-antimicrobial-products-registered-epa-claims-against-candida-auris>