

Candida auris: Infection Prevention and Control Measures in Hemodialysis Facilities

About Candida auris

Candida auris (*C. auris*) is a type of yeast that spreads easily among patients in healthcare facilities. It can cause severe infections in patients with underlying medical conditions and those requiring invasive medical devices.

- Patients can carry *C. auris* on their skin without showing symptoms (colonization).
- Patients with *C. auris* colonization or infection can spread the yeast to surfaces and other patients.
- *C. auris* is hard to treat because it is often resistant to multiple antifungal medications.
- [Report](#) all suspected and confirmed *C. auris* cases to your [local health department](#).

Preventing Spread of *C. auris* in Hemodialysis Facilities



1. Education and Communication

- ➔ Educate staff about [C. auris](#) and flag patient charts.
- ➔ Notify receiving facilities about *C. auris* status when transferring patients. Consider using an [Inter-Facility Infection Control Transfer Form](#).



2. Patient Placement and Timing of Dialysis

- ➔ Minimize exposure to other patients.
 - If possible, dialyze the patient in a separate room.
 - If private room not available, place at the end or corner of the hemodialysis facility. Place at a station with as few adjacent stations as possible.
 - Consider dialyzing the patient on the last shift of the day.



3. Hand Hygiene

- ➔ Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if hands are not visibly soiled, wash with soap and water if soiled.
- ➔ Gloves do not replace hand hygiene.



4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- ➔ Wear gown and gloves when caring for a patient with *C. auris* or touching items at their station.
 - After finishing care or touching items, remove PPE carefully and perform hand hygiene.



5. Cleaning and Disinfection

- ➔ Use an EPA-approved disinfectant ([List P](#)) effective against *C. auris*.
- ➔ Thoroughly clean and disinfect reusable equipment after each use.
- ➔ Consider dedicating equipment to patients with *C. auris*.



6. Auditing and Feedback

- ➔ Conduct regular audits of hand hygiene, PPE, and cleaning and disinfection practices.
- ➔ Share audit results with staff and facility leadership.

Learn More

APIC: [Candida auris Playbook](#)

CDC: [About Candida auris \(for patients\)](#)

VDH: [Candida auris Cases are on the Rise in Virginia – Clinician Letter](#)

VDH: [Candida auris webpage](#)



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