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Recomendaciones:

- **Por favor cerrar su micrófono.**
- Serán 1 hora de presentación y 1 hora de preguntas y respuestas.
- Las preguntas deben ser por escrito, por medio del Chat o por email para:

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- La presentación estará disponible en la pagina web de OPS en 48 horas.

Gracias



Control de Infecciones para *Candida auris*, un hongo patógeno emergente

Mycotic Diseases Branch (MDB) / Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

E-mail: xju7@cdc.gov / vih9@cdc.gov

Frecuentemente no queremos lidiar con las infecciones por hongos ... ¿Por qué?

Pseudallescheria
Baja sensibilidad
Anfotericina B
Scedosporium
Rhizomucor
Falla renal
Absidia
Cladophialophora

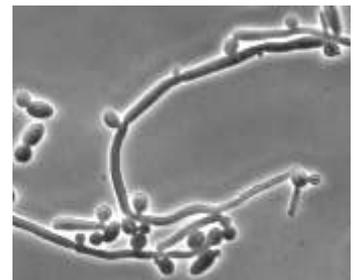
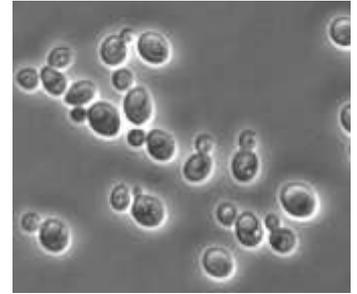
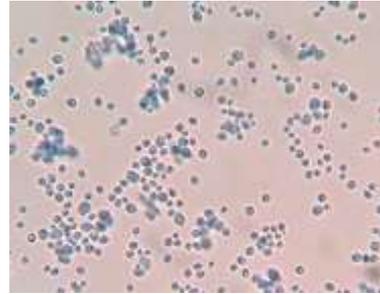


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Rhinocladiella
Equinocandinas
Talaromyces
Toxicidad
Wangiella
Voriconazol
Ajellomyces

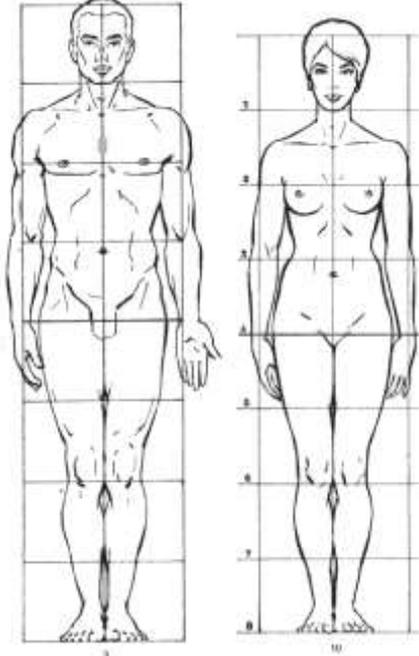
Nombres extraños, malos desenlaces, métodos diagnósticos limitados, tratamientos costosos, tratamientos tóxicos...

Candida

- *Candida* es un género de hongos unicelulares también llamados levaduras.
- La especie de *Candida* más significativa por su importancia clínica es *Candida albicans*.



Candidiasis



- Distribución mundial.
- Comensal en humanos.
- “Enfermedad transmitida humano a humano es rara”.
- Múltiples presentaciones clínicas:
 - Desde enfermedad superficial → infección sistémica

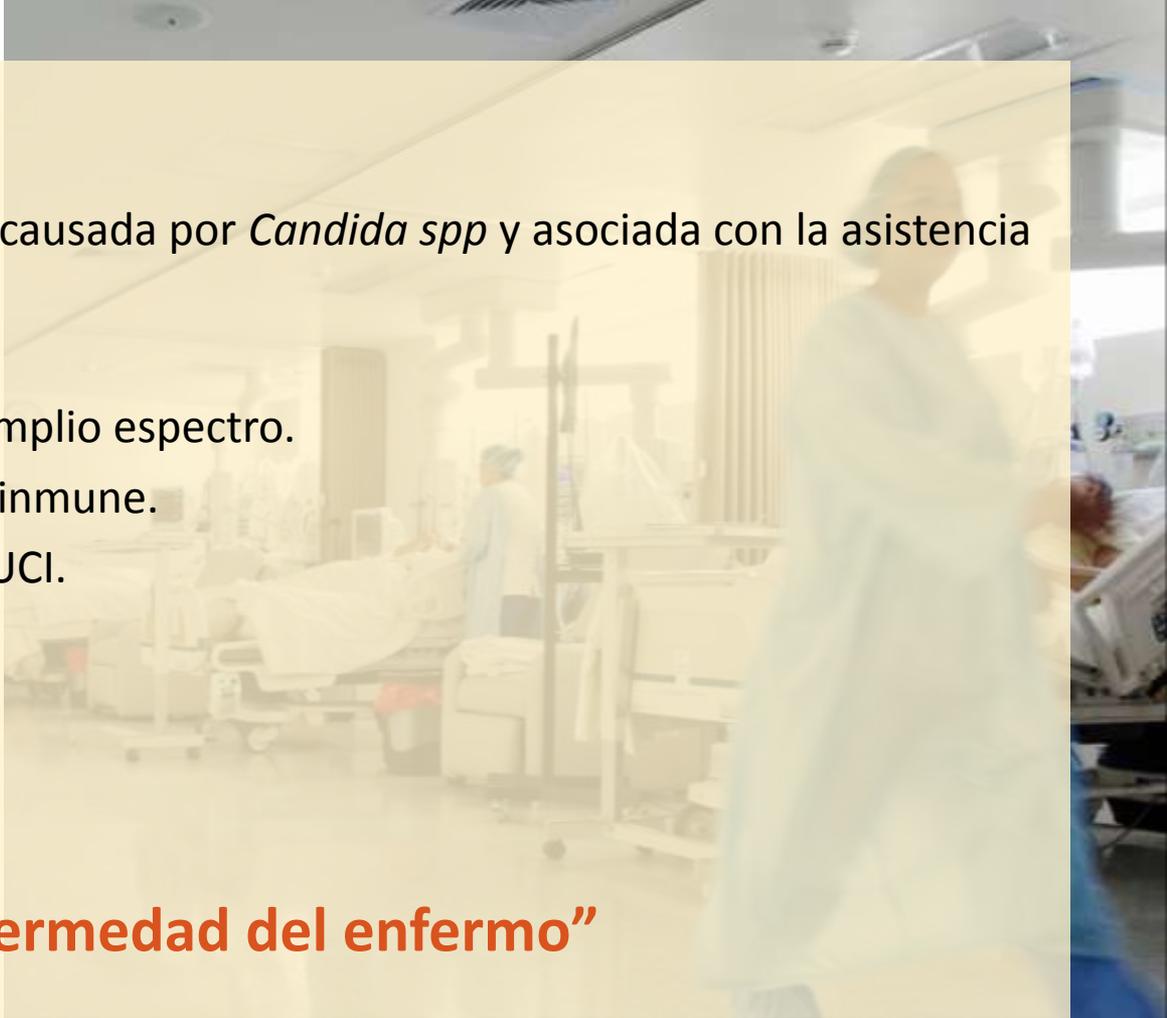


Candidemia

Infección del torrente sanguíneo causada por *Candida spp* y asociada con la asistencia sanitaria.

- Factores de riesgo:
 - Uso de antibióticos de amplio espectro.
 - Compromiso del estado inmune.
 - Estancia prolongada en UCI.
 - Cirugía abdominal.
 - Uso de catéteres.
 - Diabetes mellitus.
- Mortalidad 30-50%.

“La enfermedad del enfermo”





¿Porque debemos se cuidadosos con las especies raras de microorganismos?

Muchas cosas empiezan con un correo...

Febrero del 2015



- Los colegas Pakistán preocupados por un brote de infecciones por *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.
- 22 aislamientos en 2 meses.
- 8 a partir de hemocultivos, 3 tejido con quemaduras, 10 orinas, 1 de punta de catéter.

Pero, no era *Saccharomyces*...

- En Pakistán fueron identificados utilizando un juego de reactivos comercial.



- La secuenciación del DNA reveló que los aislamientos eran en realidad *Candida auris*.

O una llamada...



Mayo del 2016

- Los colegas de Colombia observaron un aumento en la frecuencia de *C. haemulonii*.
- 27 aislamientos identificados por BD Phoenix, fueron enviados a identificación molecular.
- 24 de 27 fueron *C. auris*.

O una visita...



Agosto del 2016

- Los colegas de Panamá observaron un aumento en la frecuencia de *C. haemulonii*.
- 14 aislamientos identificados por Vitek 2 fueron enviados a identificación molecular (CDC de Atlanta).
- Todos fueron *C. auris*.

Primer reporte de *C. auris* año 2009

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

***Candida auris* sp. nov., a novel ascomycetous yeast isolated from the external ear canal of an inpatient in a Japanese hospital**

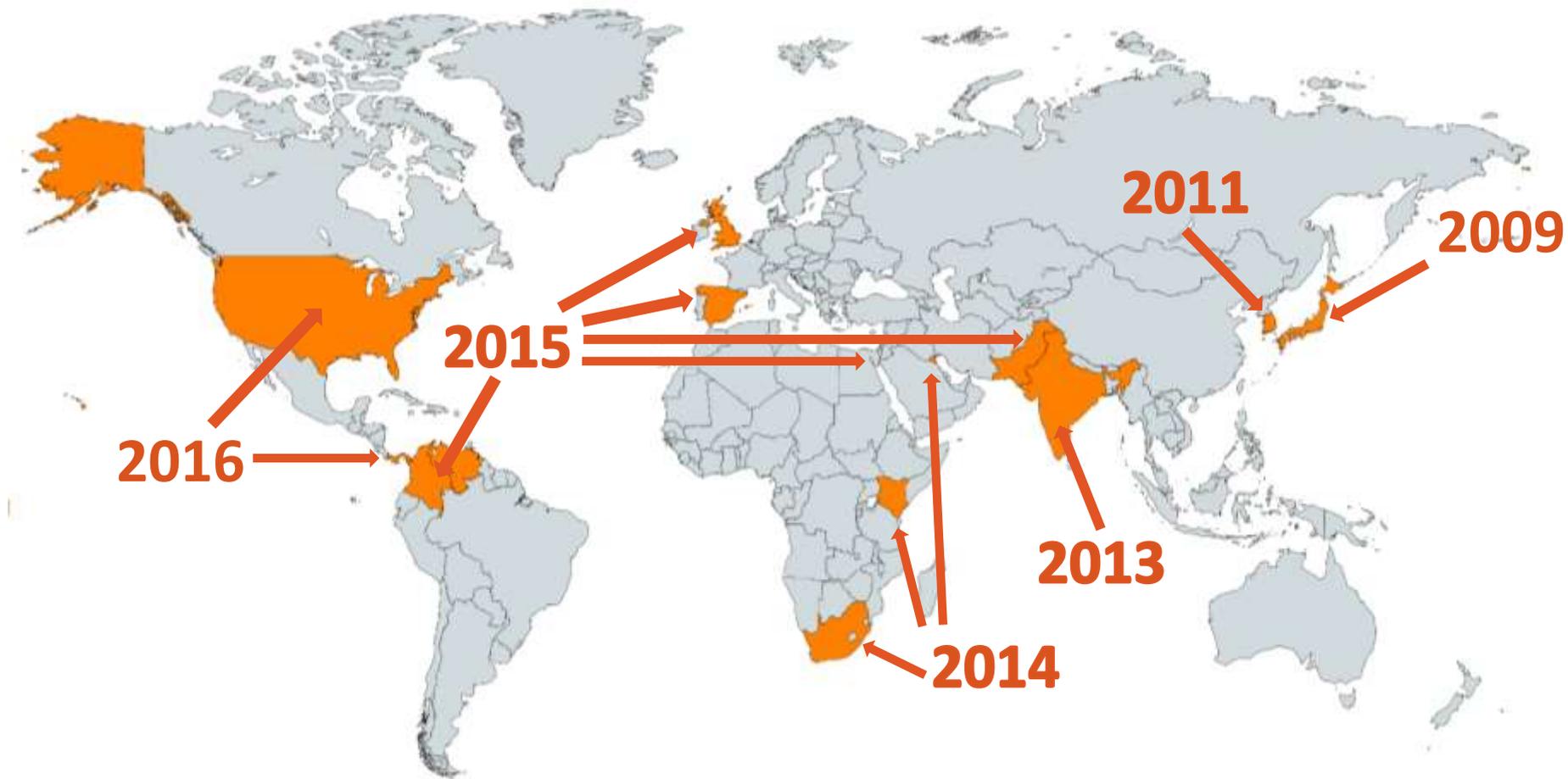
Kazuo Satoh^{1,2}, Koichi Makimura^{1,3}, Yayoi Hasumi¹, Yayoi Nishiyama¹, Katsuhisa Uchida¹ and Hideyo Yamaguchi¹

¹Teikyo University Institute of Medical Mycology, 359 Otsuka, Hachioji, Tokyo 192-0395, ²Japan Health Sciences Foundation, 13-4 Nihonbashi-Kodenmacho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-0001 and ³Genome Research Center, Graduate School of Medicine and Faculty of Medicine, Teikyo University, Otsuka 359, Hachioji, Tokyo 192-0395, Japan

Auris proviene del latín “oído”



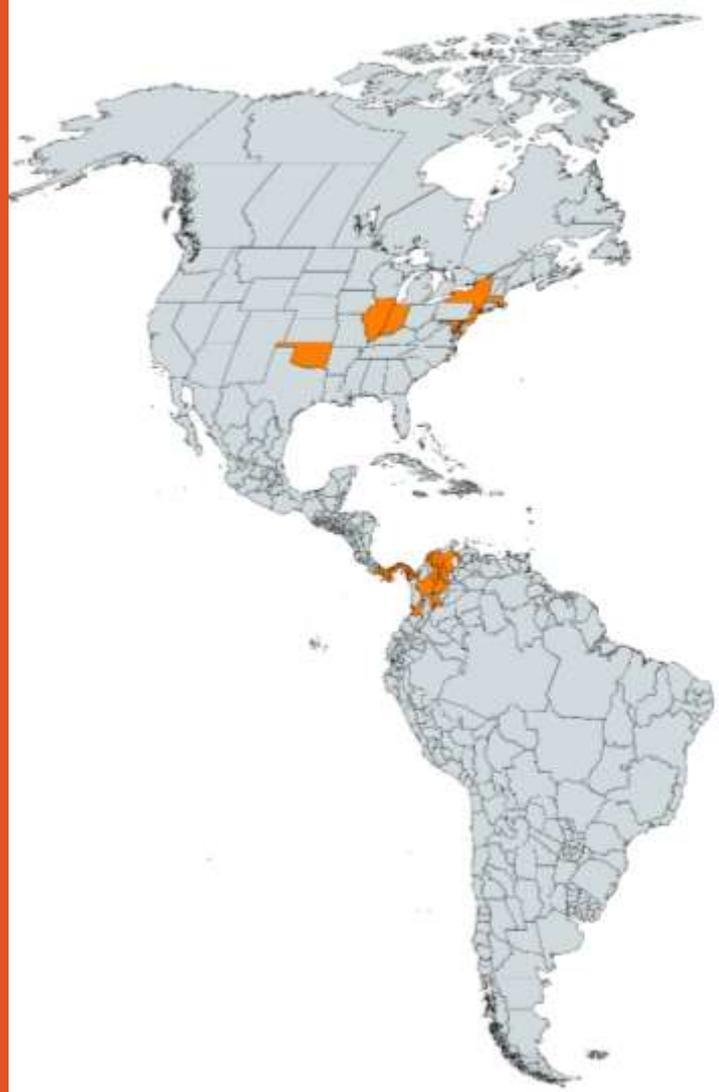
Dispersión global de *C. auris*



No sólo ha sido causado por la mejora la detección...

- Programa de Vigilancia de Candidemia del EIP:
 - > 7.000 aislamientos del género *Candida* recolectados en los Estados Unidos entre el 2008 al 2016.
 - **No *C. auris*.**
- SENTRY y ARTEMIS (colecciones privadas de 4 continentes):
 - > 30.000 aislamientos del género *Candida* entre 1996 al 2015.
 - **No *C. auris*** antes de 2009.
- Lab. Referencia de Micología Carlos III, Madrid España:
 - > 1.500 aislamientos del género *Candida* entre 2011 al 2016, identificadas por secuenciación (ITS).
 - **No *C. auris*.**

En las Américas...





Venezuela

Journal of Infection (2016) 73, 369–374



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BIAA
British Infection Association



First report of *Candida auris* in America: Clinical and microbiological aspects of 18 episodes of candidemia

Belinda Calvo^a, Analy S.A. Melo^b, Armino Perozo-Mena^c,
Martin Hernandez^d, Elaine Cristina Francisco^b, Ferry Hagen^{e,f},
Jacques F. Meis^{e,f}, Arnaldo Lopes Colombo^{b,*}

- Primer reporte de casos en Latinoamérica.
- 18 pacientes identificados entre marzo 2012 a julio 2013.
- Todos los aislamientos fueron resistentes a FCZ y VCZ.
- 22% de mortalidad a 30 días.



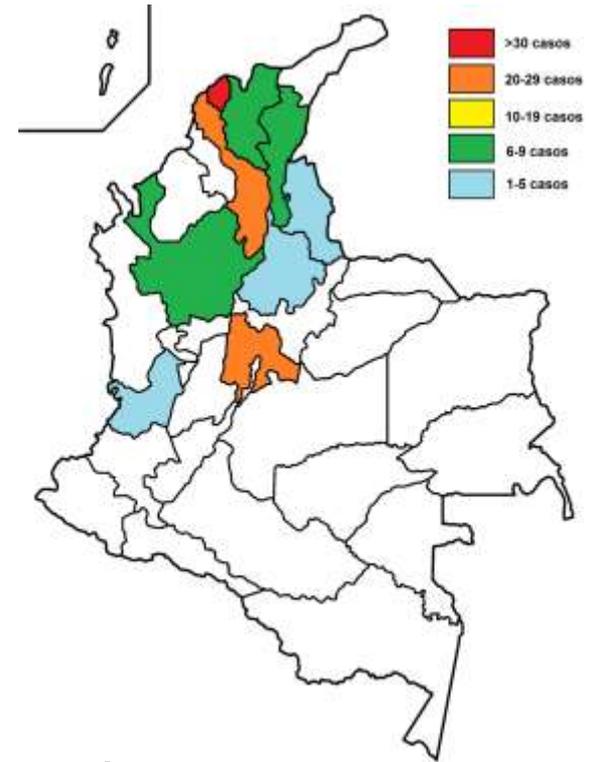
Colombia

Emerging Infectious Diseases • www.cdc.gov/eid • Vol. 23, No. 1, January 2017

Invasive Infections with Multidrug-Resistant Yeast *Candida auris*, Colombia

Soraya E. Morales-López,
Claudia M. Parra-Giraldo,
Andrés Ceballos-Garzón, Heidys P. Martínez,
Gerson J. Rodríguez, Carlos A. Álvarez-Moreno,
José Y. Rodríguez

- 17 pacientes identificados entre febrero a julio 2016.
- 10 de 17 (59%) aislamientos resistentes a FCZ.
- 35% de mortalidad a 30 días.



A Mayo del 2017:

107 casos, en 17 instituciones medicas de 9 departamentos del país.

Fuente: Lab. de Microbiología, INS Colombia.

Datos en proceso de publicación.



USA

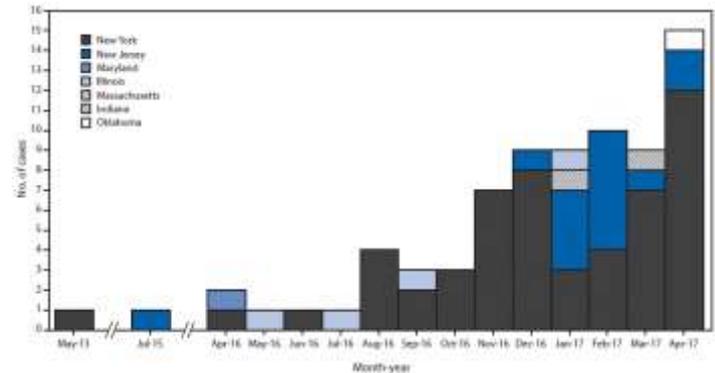
Ongoing Transmission of *Candida auris* in Health Care Facilities — United States, June 2016–May 2017

Sharon Tsay, MD^{1,2}; Rory M. Welsh, PhD¹; Eleanor H. Adams, MD³; Nancy A. Chow, PhD¹; Lalitha Gade, MPharm¹; Elizabeth L. Berkow, PhD¹; Eugenie Poirer, PhD^{2,4}; Emily Lutterloh, MD^{3,5}; Monica Quinn, MS³; Sudha Chaturvedi, PhD^{3,5}; Janna Kerins, VMD^{2,6}; Stephanie R. Black, MD⁶; Sarah K. Kemble, MD⁶; Patricia M. Barrett, MSD⁷; Kerri Barton, MPH⁸; D.J. Shannon, MPH⁹; Kristy Bradley, DVM¹⁰; Shawn R. Lockhart, PhD¹; Anastasia P. Litvinseva, PhD¹; Heather Moulton-Meisner, PhD¹¹; Alicia Shugar, MA¹¹; Alex Kallen, MD¹¹; Snigdha Vallabhanseni, MD¹; Tom M. Chiller, MD¹; Brendan R. Jackson, MD¹

Candida auris cases in the United States



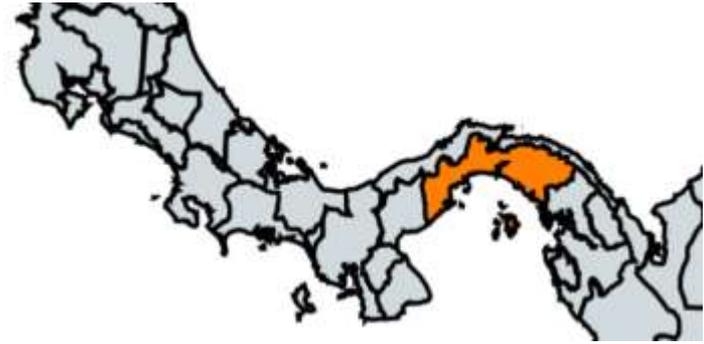
Location	Number Reported	Dates of collection
Illinois	4	May 2016 – Jan 2017
Indiana	1	Mar 2017
Maryland	1	Apr 2016
Massachusetts	1	Jan 2017
New Jersey	16	Jul 2015 – Apr 2017
New York	53	May 2013, Apr 2016 – Apr 2017
Oklahoma	1	Apr 2017



- 77 casos en 7 estados (53 en NY).
- 86% aislamientos resistentes a FCZ, 43% a Anfo B y 3% equinocandinas.



Panamá



Confirman presencia de hongo "candida auris" en el Hospital Santo Tomás



http://www.telemetro.com/nacionales/Confirman-presencia-Hospital-Santo-Tomas_0_1015099285.html



PANAMÁ

Por hongo 'Candida auris' el HST montó un cerco epidemiológico

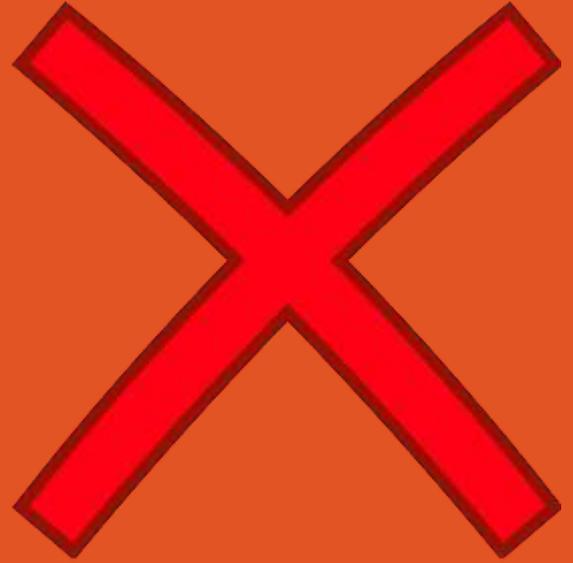


<http://elsiglo.com.pa/panama/hongo-candida-auris-monto-cerco-epidemiologico/23995733>

¿Cual es el Problema?



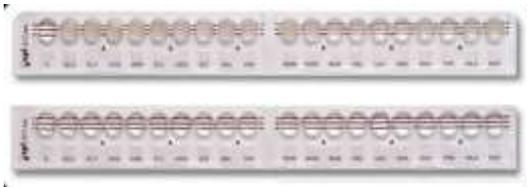
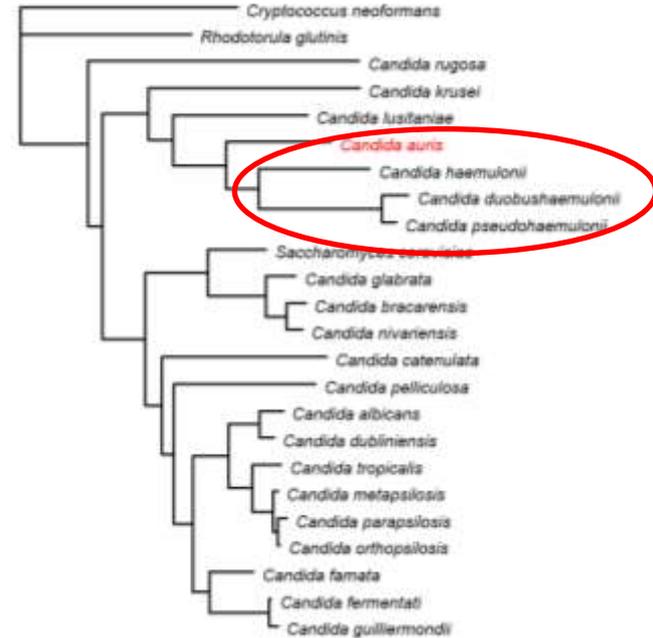
1. Identificación errónea.
2. Resistencia a antifúngicos.
3. Trasmisión hospitalarios.
(Persistencia y colonización).



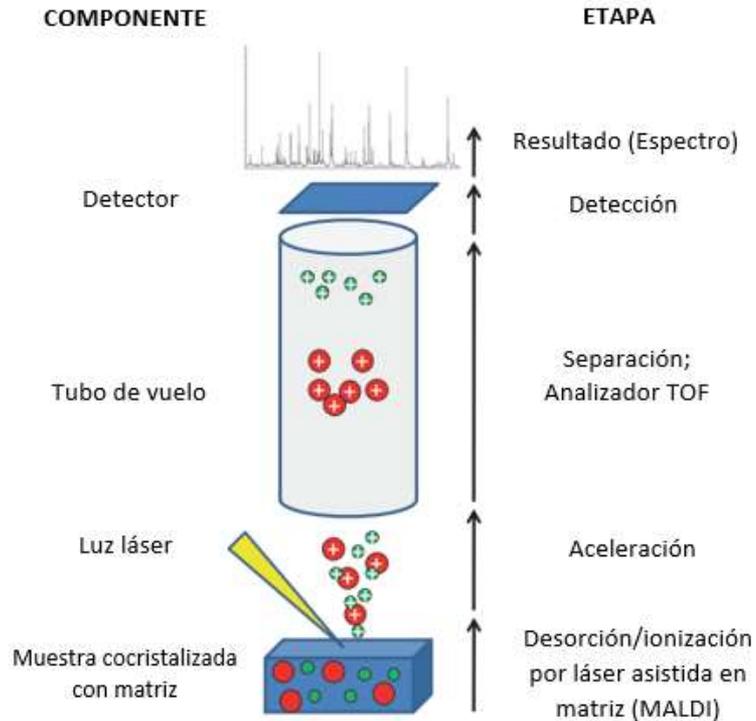
1. Identificación errónea

Identificación errónea

- Se confunde por otras especies con métodos fenotípicos (API, Microscan, VITEK-2).
- Las más comunes son: ***C. haemulonii***, *Rhodotorula glutinis*, *C. albicans*, *Candida spp.*



MALDI-TOF: desorción/ionización láser asistida por matriz



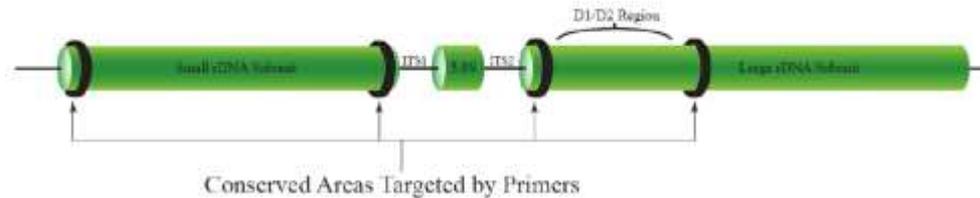
Microflex[®]
(Bruker)



VITEK MS[®]
(bioMérieux)

Identificación molecular

Secuencias blanco universales: gen que codifica el rRNA. Las regiones **ITS y D1/D2 (28S)**, son las regiones filogenéticamente mas variables (útiles para identificar especie).



Análisis del genoma completo (WGS):

Muy diferentes entre regiones geográficas (>40K-400K SNPs)

Muy parecidos entre países de la región geográfica (<70 SNPs)

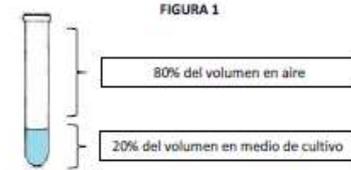
*SNPs (Single nucleotide polymorphisms)



Alternativas para aproximarse a identificar *C. auris*: medio selectivo



1. Prepare el caldo y sirva este en tubos de cultivo, tenga en cuenta que el medio líquido servido no exceda el 20% del volumen total de tubo, por ejemplo: si va a utilizar tubos con un volumen de 10 mL, sirva en este 2 mL del medio líquido (Figura 1).



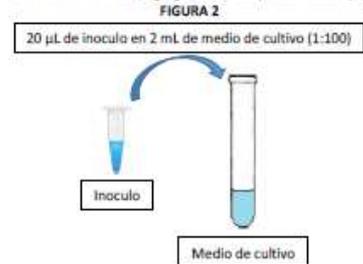
2. Utilice 3 tubos de cultivo, identificados de la siguiente manera:

- 1 tubo control negativo del medio: solo medio líquido.
- 1 tubo control negativo de microorganismo: medio con inóculo de *Candida albicans*.
- 1 tubo control positivo de microorganismo: medio con inóculo de *Candida auris*.

3. Preparación del inóculo:

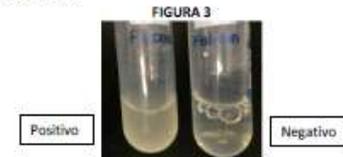
- Sirva 1 mL del medio líquido en un vial estéril.
- Agregue 1 colonia aislada del micro organismo a cultivar en el medio.
- Homogenice el inóculo con ayuda de una vortex.

4. Análisis: una vez tenga preparado el inóculo, agregue este en el tubo final de cultivo en una dilución 1:100, por ejemplo: para un tubo con 2 mL de medio de cultivo, agregue a este 20 μ L del inóculo (Figura 2)



5. Incube los tubos a 40°C con agitación 200 revoluciones por minuto, por 48 horas.

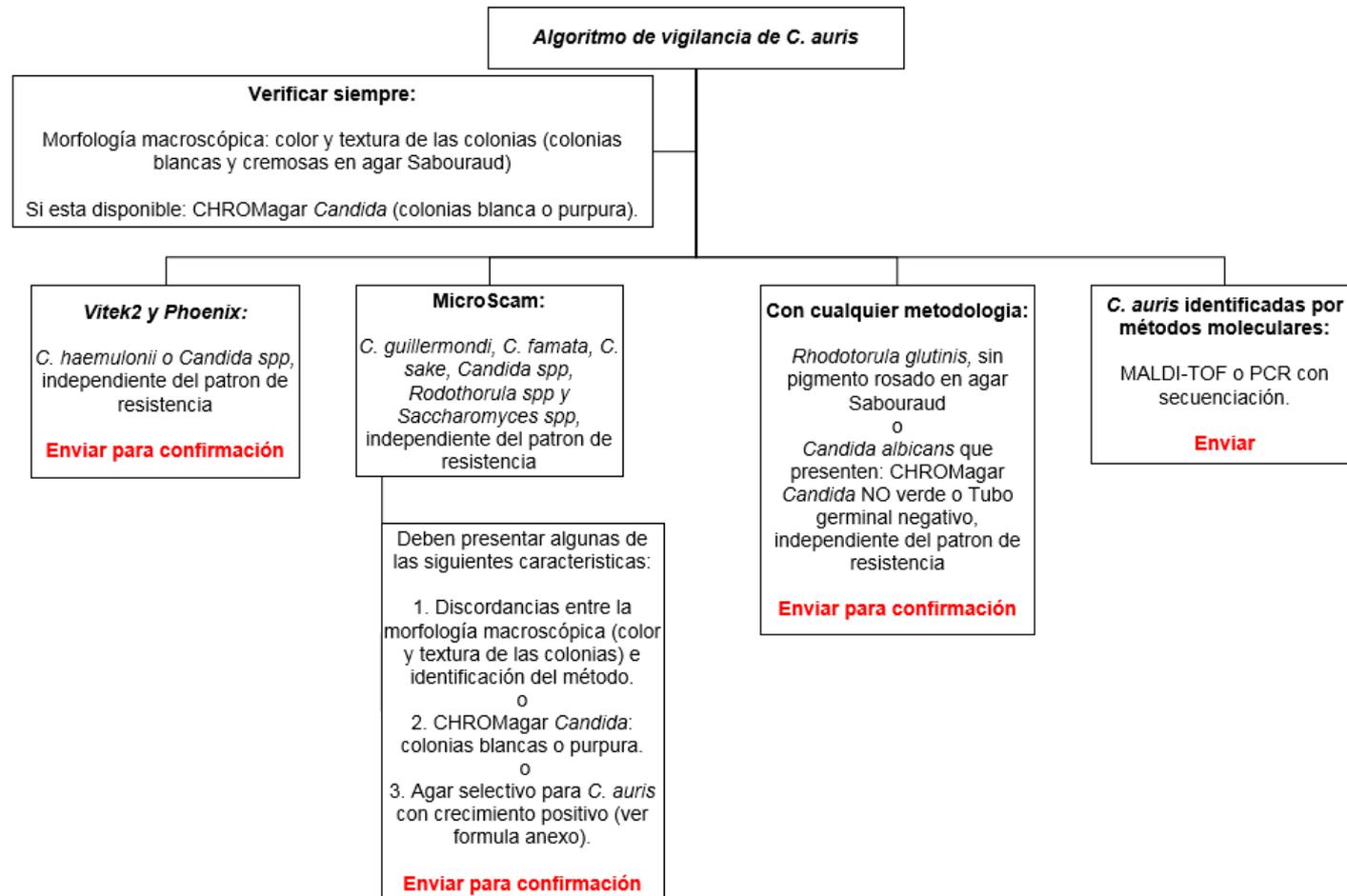
6. Pasadas 48 horas, revise los medios, la presencia de turbidez indica una prueba positiva (Figura 3). A partir del tubo positivo, cultive este en un agar Sabouraud.



7. Realice la confirmación del microorganismo aislado utilizando métodos moleculares (MALDI TOF o secuenciación).

Paciente en Unidad de Cuidados Intensivos: Aislamiento obtenido de cualquier tipo de muestra.

Paciente hospitalizado: aislamientos obtenidos de hemocultivos, orina, secreciones y otros líquidos estériles



2. Resistencia a antifúngicos

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Multidrogo resistencia en *Candida auris*

Polienos



Azoles



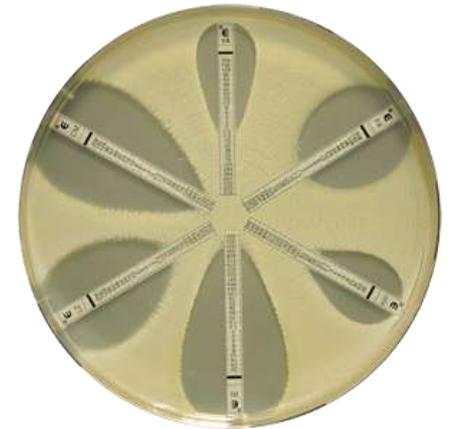
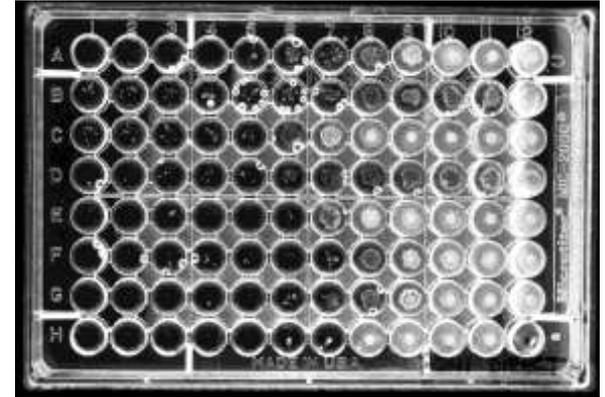
Equinocandinas



Algunos aislamientos resistentes a todas las clases de antifúngicos

Sensibilidad a antifúngicos

- 93% resistentes a fluconazol.
- 54% resistentes a voriconazol.
- 35% resistentes a anfotericina B.
- 7% resistentes a equinocandinas.
- 41% MDR.
- 4% resistentes a todas los tipos de antifungicos.



3. Trasmisión hospitalarios: colonización





Sal
(NaCl 10%)

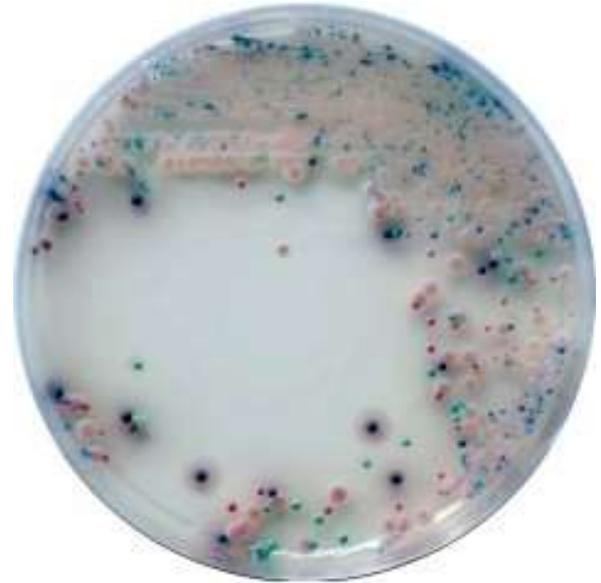


Temperatura
40-42°C

Caldo selectivo



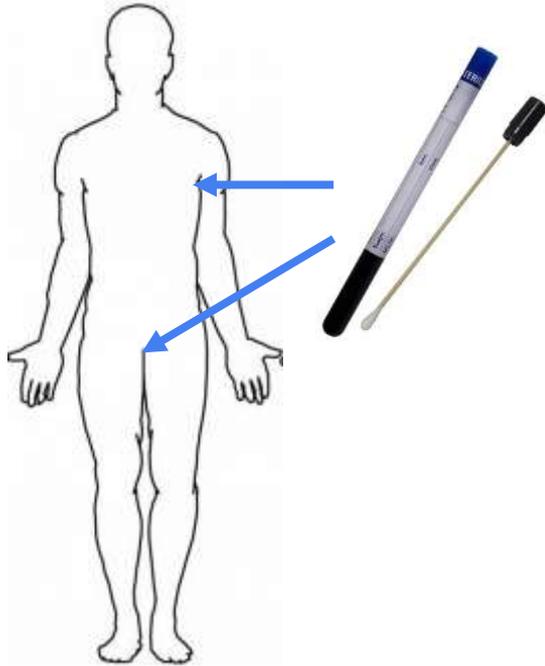
CHROMagar



C. auris (colonias blancas-rosa)

¿Como detectar *C. auris*?

Pacientes (Tamizaje y detección)



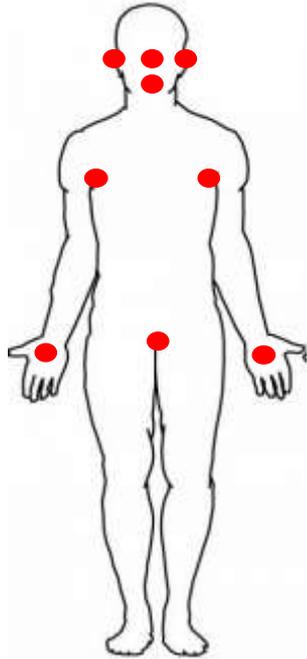
Ambientes (Investigación en salud publica)



3M™ Sponge-Sticks

Resultados del muestreo de colonización en Colombia

Epi-Aid: septiembre 2016



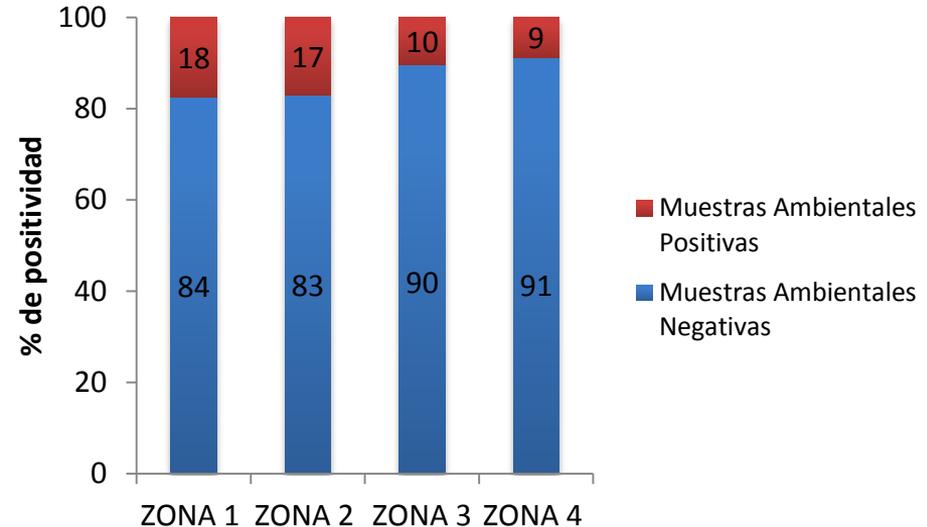
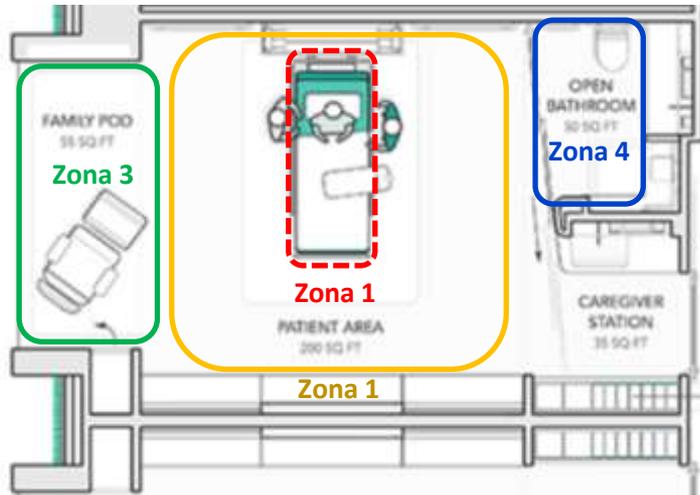
Fueron recolectadas muestras de 7 pacientes con diagnóstico previo de infección por *C. auris* y 10 contactos.

5 de 7 pacientes (**71%**) estuvieron colonizados por *C. auris*.

2 de 10 contactos (**20%**) presentaron evidencia de colonización por *C. auris*.



Resultados del muestreo ambiental en Colombia Epi-Aid: septiembre 2016



Se aisló *Candida auris* en 40 de 255 (**16%**) muestras ambientales.



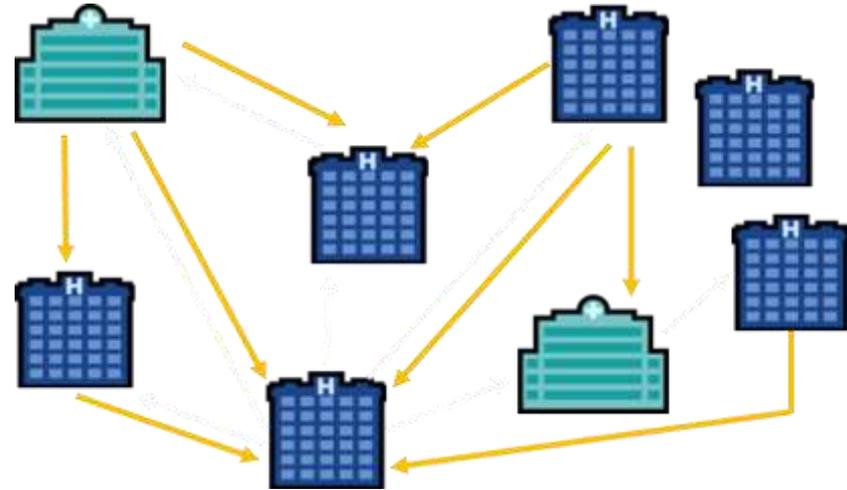
Outline – Infection control for *C. auris*

- Why should IPC personnel care about *C. auris*
- When to suspect a case
- Reviewing IPC practices for *C. auris* cases
- Screening for colonization
- Summary

Why should IPC personnel care about *C. auris*?

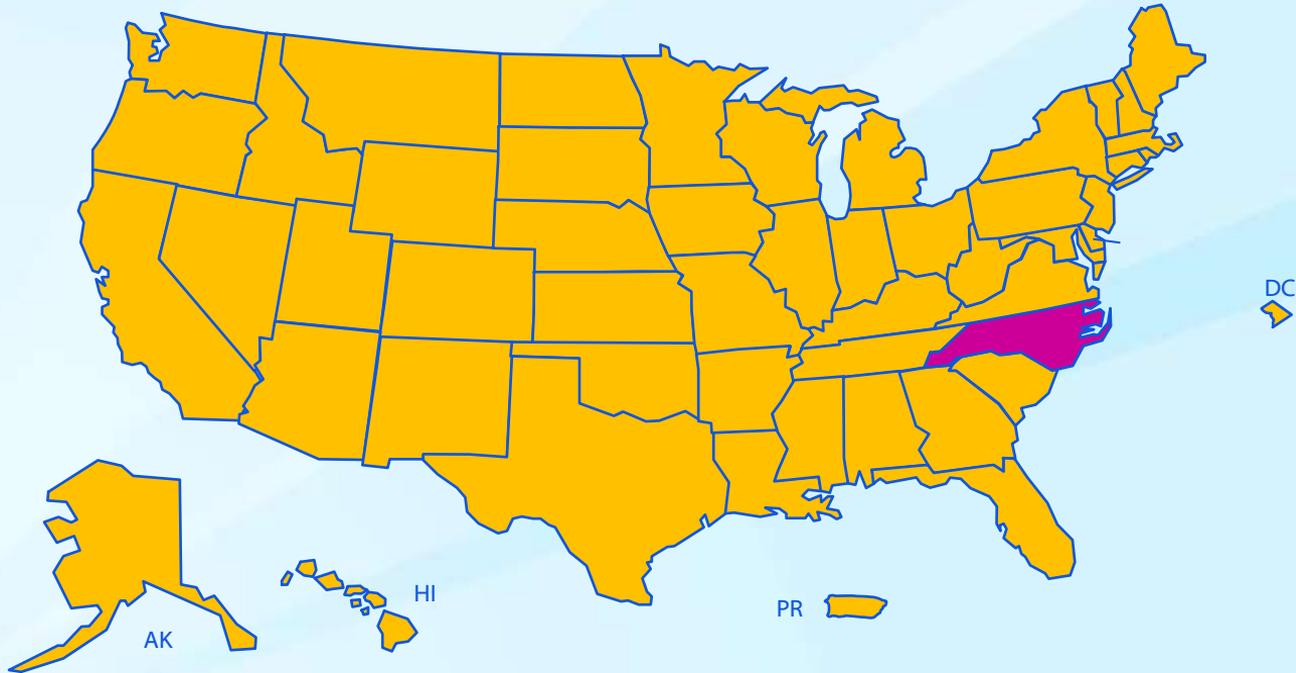
***C. Auris* is an epidemiologically important organism**

- It is a serious infection that is often multi-drug resistant
- It is difficult to identify with standard laboratory methods
- Can cause outbreaks in hospitals and spread throughout healthcare systems
- Emerging in several places around the world



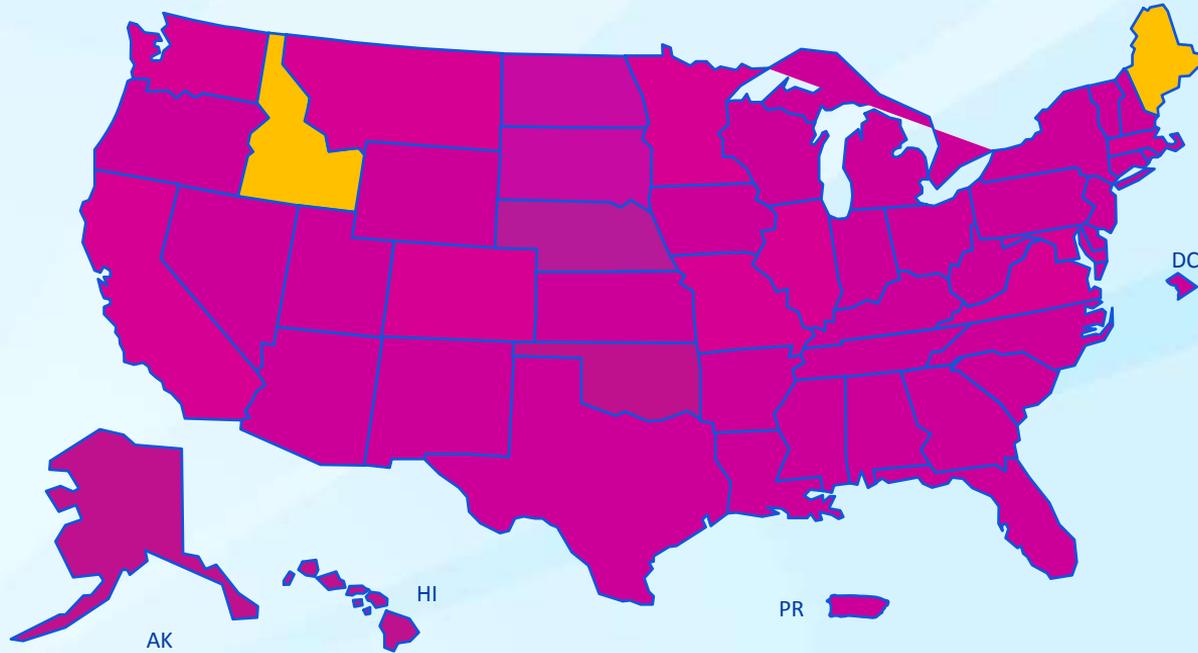
KPC-producing CRE in the United States

2001



KPC-producing CRE in the United States

August 2016



IPC personnel are on the front lines

- Often hear about new or uncommon infections first
- Responsible for control of communicable diseases within healthcare settings
- Relationships across the hospital (e.g. Lab, cleaning services, administration, clinical services) allow for coordinated response to emerging infections
- This talk will give practical guidance on what to do if you suspect a case of *C. auris* in your hospital



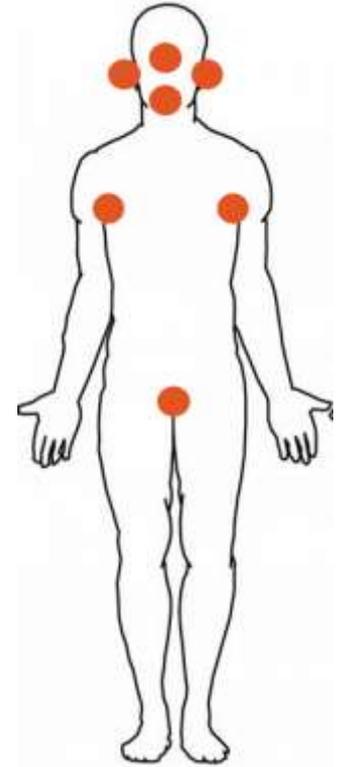
How do you know if you have a case of
C. auris?

When should you suspect a case of *C. auris*

- You see new cases or an increase in rare types of yeast
 - *C. haemulonii* especially
 - *Rhodotorula glutinis*, other rare *Candida* spp
- Important to know what your lab has for identification of yeast → this informs misidentification patterns
- You have cases in other hospitals or healthcare facilities in your city
 - Patients can be colonized for long periods of time and transmit infection when admitted to your hospital

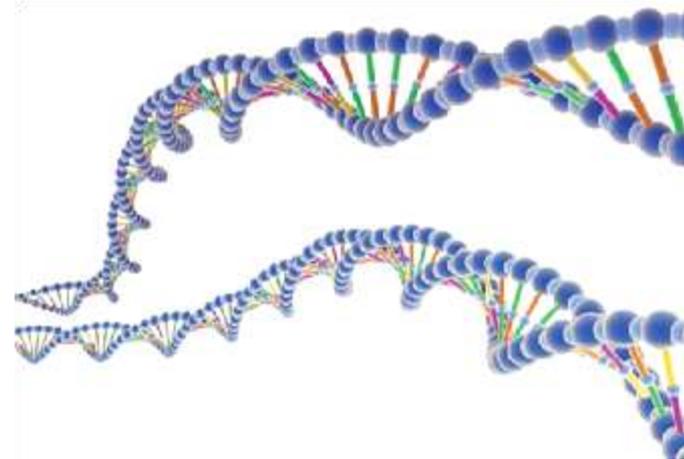
Persons with *C. auris* may be infected or colonized

- Most patients who have active infection are also colonized with *C. auris* on their skin
- Some patient who never appear sick may also be colonized with *C. auris* on their skin
- Both colonized and infected patients are at risk for transferring *C. auris* to other patients or the environment



How can you confirm infection with *C. auris*?

- Cannot be done with most commonly used identification methods, even automated identification machines (E.g. VITEK)
- Requires either
 - Sequencing the isolate
 - MALDI-TOF
- Where do these capabilities lie in your country or region? How can you access them if needed?



What IPC practices are important for patients with *C. auris*?

IPC for *C. auris*

- Remember your standard precautions!
Especially:
 - Hand hygiene
 - Environmental cleaning
- Contact precautions required



Standard precautions: general

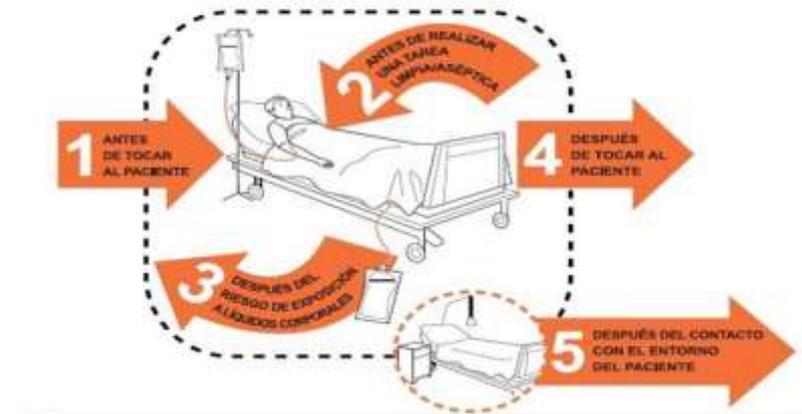
- Elements of standard precautions are the primary strategy for preventing healthcare-associated transmission of infections
- Most relevant for *C. auris* are
 - Hand hygiene
 - Environmental cleaning



Hand hygiene

- Overall recommendations are not different for *C. auris* compared with other organisms
- Alcohol-based hand rub most effective, soap & water is an alternative
- Wash hands with soap/water when visibly dirty or contaminated with blood or bodily fluids
- Observe the 5 moments of hand hygiene

Sus 5 Momentos para la Higiene de las Manos



C. auris in the environment

- *C. auris* can persist in the environment of healthcare facilities for weeks
 - CDC lab showed persistence for >4 weeks on plastic surfaces
 - Some cleaning agents (e.g. quaternary ammonium compounds) are not effective
- Recommend using disinfectant effective against *Clostridium difficile* spores
 - US Environmental Protection Agency list K
 - Diluted bleach (1:10 dilution of 5.25% bleach)



Environmental cleaning

- Robust environmental cleaning and disinfection is key to reducing the burden of *C. auris* in the environment
 - Daily cleaning
 - Terminal cleaning
- Hospital outbreak of *C. auris* in the UK required aggressive environmental cleaning
 - Cleaning rooms with bleach 3x/day
 - Terminal cleaning with higher concentration of bleach
 - Use of hydrogen peroxide



Environmental cleaning considerations

- Frequency, thoroughness, methods determined by facility policy
- Aggressive daily cleaning with focus on high-touch surfaces (e.g. doorknobs, bedrails)
- Adequate number of trained cleaning staff needed
- Ensure monitoring and supervision of cleaning staff
- Environmental cleaning is critical part of IPC in a hospital!

Monitoring of terminal cleaning

- Goal of terminal cleaning -- move towards eradicating organisms from the patient environment after a patient is moved
- Monitoring of terminal cleaning can provide information on efficacy
- Can be done via
 - Observation with standardized checklists¹
 - UV light and fluorescent dots
 - ATPase detection



¹<https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/toolkits/Environmental-Cleaning-Checklist-10-6-2010.pdf>

Additional precautions for patients with *C. auris*

- Preventing transmission of *C. auris* requires more than standard precautions
- Like other multi-drug resistant organisms (MDROs), *C. auris* is transmitted by contact between people or people and the environment
- Contact precautions required for all suspected or confirmed cases of *C. auris* infection and patients who are colonized with *C. auris*



Elements of contact precautions: isolation

- Wherever possible, patients should be isolated in a single patient room
- When this is not possible – IPC personnel should assess risks associated with other placement options
 - Cohorting
 - Keeping patient with current roommate(s)
- If patient remains in multi-patient room, ensure >1 meter separation between beds



Elements of contact precautions: PPE

- All healthcare personnel, including cleaning staff, who have contact with patient or patient environment need to wear appropriate PPE
 - Gown and gloves to minimize contact with patient and environment
 - PPE should be put on upon entering the patient room or care area and discarded before exiting
 - PPE should be changed between each patient interaction
- Signage should indicate to staff and visitors that contact precautions are required



Can contact precautions ever be removed?

- Currently the duration of patient colonization with *C. auris* is unknown
- Contact precautions should not be removed if a patient is still colonized or ill with *C. auris* infection
- Safest strategy maintain contact precautions indefinitely
 - Duration of hospitalization
 - During future readmissions → flag file to ensure communication

Can patients be decolonized?

- There is currently no data on the efficacy of decolonization for patients with *C. auris* using chlorhexidine or topical antifungals



Communication

- Communication within/between health systems key to controlling *C. auris*
- Frontline staff should be aware of *C. auris* and understand what actions to take if a case is identified
 - Alert IPC focal persons
 - Initiate contact precautions
- Communicating information on *C. auris* infection or colonization whenever patients are transferred between healthcare facilities



Public health notification

- Health care professionals should contact relevant public health authorities if they suspect a case of *C. auris*
 - Monitor emergence, outbreaks, spread
 - Facilitate additional resources needed for identification, control
 - Communicate that the organism has been identified in country



Screening patients for *C. auris* colonization

Halting transmission of *C. auris*

- *C. auris* can colonize patients who have no signs or symptoms of infection → transmission despite appropriate precautions for clinical cases
- Screening of asymptomatic patients can quantify the burden of colonization, halt transmission
- All screening involves swabbing skin, usually axilla and groin, of a patient and processing swabs to specifically look for *C. auris*

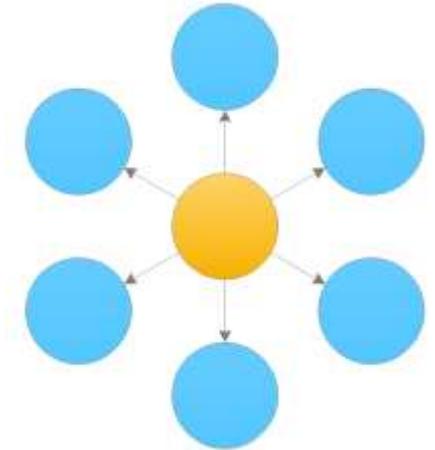


Screening strategies

- Screening epidemiologically-linked contacts
- Point-prevalence study of wards/units
- Active surveillance

Screening epidemiologically-linked contacts

- Epidemiologically-linked contacts of a *C. auris* case usually includes any roommates but can also include
 - Patients who shared a healthcare worker with a case
 - Patients who were roommates but were recently moved
 - Patients on the same ward as a case
- Can be done each time a new clinical case is identified
- May only be feasible if small number of incident cases



Point-prevalence survey

- Rapid way to evaluate the burden of *C. auris* in a certain area
- Screening all persons in a geographical area (e.g. ward or unit)
- May be most useful
 - In outbreak settings
 - If screening contacts yields high rates of colonization
- Can be done once or at some frequency depending on the burden of colonization found

Active surveillance

- Screening patients for *C. auris* who do not have any epidemiologic link but meet certain specified high-risk criteria
 - Patients admitted to high risk settings (e.g. ICU)
 - All admissions from hospitals with known *C.auris* patients
- Most useful in areas with high prevalence of *C. auris* or in outbreak scenarios
- Difficult to define relevant criteria given epidemiology of this infection is not well known, may differ in each country.



When to employ screening strategies ?

- Selection of screening strategy depends on multiple factors
 - Burden of *C. auris* in a facility/country
 - Laboratory capacity to process additional specimens
 - Hospital capacity to screen and isolate additional patients
 - Epidemiologic capacity to plan screening strategy and interpret results
- Screening strategies do not prevent infections by themselves, they only identify unmeasured colonization
- In order to halt transmission, screening must be paired with isolation of all persons identified to be colonized with *C. auris*

What isn't recommended

- Routine environmental sampling to determine burden of colonization
- Routine sampling of healthcare worker hands



Summary

- IPC personnel should be aware of *C. auris*, an emerging multi-drug resistant yeast
- Identification of *C. auris* is difficult and requires advanced laboratory capabilities
- *C. auris* can colonize people and the environment and persist for long periods of time
 - Hand hygiene, environmental cleaning, contact precautions key to reducing colonization, stopping transmission
- Controlling transmission may require resource-intensive screening strategies to identify unmeasured colonization

Working together we can combat *C. auris*!



Relevant links

- CDC recommendations for healthcare facilities and laboratories around *C. auris*
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/diseases/candidiasis/recommendations.html>
- UK outbreak paper
 - <https://aricjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13756-016-0132-5>
- US guidance on isolation precautions in healthcare settings
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/isolation-guidelines.pdf>
- US guidelines on environmental infection control in healthcare facilities
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/environmental-guidelines.pdf>
- EPA list K disinfectants
 - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-01/documents/20172701.listk_.pdf

Thank you!

Questions?

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