



Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO) Communication Quick-Sheet for Hospitals and Long-Term Care Facilities

Prepare Your Facility

- **Review** MDRO types and definitions based on microbiology results
- **Ensure** staff understand common MDROs, precautions, and why communication prevents spread
 - Reinforce awareness of colonization and silent spread
- **Ensure** consistent use of [Standard](#), [Contact](#) or [Enhanced Barrier Precautions](#) (for nursing homes)

Strengthen Internal Communication

- **Evaluate** communication processes for sending and receiving patients/residents with MDROs.
- **Confirm** practices align with regulatory and public health guidance
- **Identify** staff responsible for communicating MDRO status
- **Incorporate** tools and best practices from the [MDRO communication guide](#)
 - [Admission Checklist](#) customizable for screening patients/residents during the admissions
 - [Healthcare Coordination Network](#) flags for *Candida auris* and carbapenemase-producing organisms (CPOs) to identify at-risk patients on admission to Virginia healthcare facilities

Identify MDRO Risks Early

- **Proactively identify** patients/residents at higher risk for infection or colonization with MDROs
 - At minimum, implement precautions and perform screening for patients/residents who had healthcare outside the U.S. in the past **12 months for *C. auris*** and **6 months for CPOs**
- **Flag** MDRO statuses clearly in patient/resident medical records
- **Confirm** updates are communicated to personnel responsible for placement and precautions

Ensure Accurate Transfer Communication

- **Use** [standardized forms](#) for transfer communication
- **Confirm** MDRO information is in a visible location in transfer and discharge reports
- **Provide** staff education on MDRO communication best practices
 - Communicate MDRO status verbally and in writing before each transfer
 - Include MDRO type, specimen source, result date, and precautions
 - Share new MDRO findings promptly with receiving facilities

Collaborate for Better Communication

- **Strengthen** communication pathways with facilities you frequently share patients/residents with
- **Establish** processes for secure information sharing, such as sharing electronic health record access
- **Maintain** open lines of communication to troubleshoot breakdowns with sharing MDRO information

