Infection Prevention Rapid Resource

Testing for *C. auris*

C. auris (called *Candida auris*) is a contagious germ (fungus) that is spreading in our community.

- **It can be treated only by a few drugs.**
- **It spreads fast in healthcare settings.**

What Are the Risks of *C. auris*?

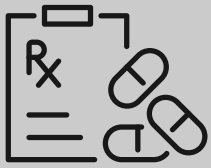
C. auris can lead to urgent and even deadly health problems such as:

→ Life-threatening infections

→ Serious infections that require multiple, strong drugs

If your *C. auris* test says "positive," you have *C. auris*.

Why Test for *C. auris*?



→ If your doctors know you have *C. auris*, **they can treat you with the best antifungal drugs.**

→ If healthcare workers know who has *C. auris*, **they can wear gowns or gloves and wash their hands often to stop the spread.**

You can spread *C. auris* – even if you don't feel sick. This is called "colonization."

Scan to learn more from the CDC about C. auris.

VDH Virginia Department of Health

HAI&AR Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Program

https://www.cdc.gov/candida-auris/screening/index.html

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