

Summary of Prevention Strategies For Acute and Long-Term Care Facilities

Please see text for details.

1. Hand Hygiene

- Promote hand hygiene
- Monitor hand hygiene adherence and provide feedback
- Ensure access to hand hygiene stations

2. Contact Precautions (CP)

- Educate and train healthcare personnel about CP including allowing time to practice donning and doffing
- Monitor CP adherence and provide feedback
- No recommendations for discontinuation of CP

Acute Care

- Place CRE colonized or infected patients on Contact Precautions (CP)
 - Empiric CP might be used for patients transferred from high-risk settings

Long-term Care

- Place CRE colonized or infected residents that are high-risk for transmission on CP (as described in text); for patients at lower risk for transmission use precautions based on type of care provided

3. Healthcare Personnel Education

4. Minimize Use of Invasive Devices

5. Timely Notification from Laboratory When CRE are Identified

6. Communication of CRE Status for Infected and Colonized Patients at Discharge and Transfer

- Identify known CRE patients at re-admission

7. Promotion of Antimicrobial Stewardship

8. Environmental Cleaning

9. Patient and Staff Cohorting

- When available cohort CRE colonized or infected patients and the staff that care for them even if patients are housed in single rooms
- If the number of single patient rooms is limited, reserve these rooms for patients with highest risk for transmission (e.g., incontinence)

10. Screening Contacts of CRE Patients

- Screen patient with epidemiologic links to unrecognized CRE colonized or infected patients

11. Active Surveillance Testing

- Screen high-risk patients at admission or at admission and periodically during their facility stay for CRE. Empiric CP can be considered while results of admission surveillance testing are pending

12. Chlorhexidine Bathing

- Bathe patients with 2% chlorhexidine

Figure 1: Facility Approach to Evaluation of Newly Recognized CP-CRE Colonized or Infected Patients

