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Important Request from CDC Reporting *Burkholderia cepacia* (*B. cepacia*) Clusters

Situation:

As part of an ongoing multistate investigation, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is attempting to identify hospitals that have detected clusters of *Burkholderia cepacia* (*B. cepacia*) cases among pediatric or adult ICU patients, particularly since January 2016. **To report clusters, please contact the CDC Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion Outbreak Email box at: haioutbreak@cdc.gov .**

General Information about *B. cepacia*

Burkholderia cepacia [burk-höld-er-uh si-pay-shee-uh] (also called *B. cepacia*) is the name for a group or “complex” of bacteria that can be found in soil and water. *B. cepacia* bacteria are often resistant to common antibiotics. *B. cepacia* poses little medical risk to healthy people; however, people who have certain health problems such as weakened immune systems or chronic lung diseases, particularly [cystic fibrosis](#), are more susceptible to this bacteria. *B. cepacia* is a known cause of infections in hospitalized patients.

For additional information on *B. cepacia* please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/organisms/bCepacia.html>.

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