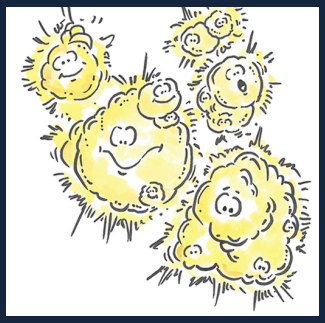


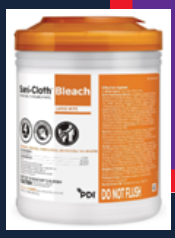


WHAT IS CANDIDA AURIS?

A TYPE OF FUNGUS, SPECIFICALLY YEAST, THAT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS IN IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS AND CAN SPREAD AMONG PATIENTS IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. THIS FUNGUS IS OFTEN RESISTANT TO ANTIFUNGAL MEDICATIONS, MAKING IT CHALLENGING TO ELIMINATE. IT CAN LIVE ON THE SKIN, IN THE EARS, MOUTH, INTESTINES, AND THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT.

WHY IS THIS AN EMERGING THREAT?





- Multi-Drug Resistant
- Difficult to identify with routine lab methods
- Invasive infections, high mortality rate of 30%-60%
- It persists in the environment and spreads rapidly in healthcare settings if not properly disinfected

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

- Place patient in **Contact 3 Isolation** immediately.
- Use dedicated patient equipment, or clean and disinfect multi-use patient equipment using hospital-approved disinfectant.
- You can use alcohol-based sanitizer, however, use soap and water when hands are visibly dirty.
- EVS must complete daily and terminal cleaning with **bleach**.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR LOCAL INFECTION PREVENTIONIST