This case illustrates the need to better define the geographic extent and modes of transmission of this debilitating disease so that primary control measures can be identified. In addition, health workers must be provided with the training and tools to diagnose and treat *M. ulcerans*. Research into a point-of-care diagnostic test is needed so that timely treatment can minimize disability and costs to the family.

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Management of Patients with *Candida auris* Fungemia at Community Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, USA, 2016–2018

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*Candida auris* is an emerging fungus that can cause invasive infections. It is associated with high mortality rates and resistance to multiple classes of antifungal drugs and is difficult to identify with standard laboratory methods. We describe the management and outcomes of 9 patients with *C. auris* fungemia in Brooklyn, New York, USA.

*Candida auris* is an emerging fungus that can cause invasive infections associated with high mortality rates and is often resistant to multiple classes of antifungal drugs. Risk factors for infection include nursing home exposure; invasive devices, such as tracheostomy tubes or percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tubes; immunocompromised status; and use of broad-spectrum antimicrobial drugs (1). On the basis of limited data available, echinocandins are recommended as initial therapy for *C. auris* infection (2). We review the management of 9 case-patients who had *C. auris* fungemia at a 300-bed community hospital, attached to a 450-bed nursing home, in Brooklyn, NY, USA. There have been 9 occurrences of *C. auris* fungemia at this institution since 2016.

Our case series demonstrates the complex patient population at risk for invasive infection with *C. auris*. Patients infected were generally >70 years of age and had multiple chronic concurrent conditions (Appendix Table, https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/EID/article/25/3/18-0927-App1.pdf). Most patients came from nursing homes, and more than half had invasive devices, such as tracheostomies or...
All isolates were markedly resistant to fluconazole, and ~40% were resistant to liposomal amphotericin B (Appendix Figure). This second finding is of particular concern because liposomal amphotericin B is the recommended second-line agent for management of C. auris in the setting of micafungin failure. On the basis of the resistance patterns at this hospital, patients who failed monotherapy with micafungin had liposomal amphotericin B added rather than switching therapy completely.

We encourage clinicians treating C. auris infections to consider combination therapy with micafungin plus liposomal amphotericin B in patients who fail monotherapy with micafungin. Laboratory limitations mean that timely identification and susceptibility testing of C. auris might not always be possible, and clinicians might often have to defer to local or national epidemiology trends to make the most up-to-date decisions. It is essential to notify the department of health of new cases of infection with C. auris as soon as possible and to educate healthcare personnel to help minimize spread. Clinicians should focus on identifying and minimizing risk factors for acquisition of C. auris and prevention of spread through enhanced infection control procedures.

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