

CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI (CRAB)

Frequently Asked Questions for Patients and Family Members



What is CRAB?

- It is a germ that can survive in healthcare settings for a long time.
- Infections caused by CRAB rarely occur outside of healthcare settings.

What is the risk?

- It can spread quickly in healthcare settings.
- CRAB infections are often difficult to treat and can even lead to death in very sick patients.

How should I protect myself?

- Tell your doctor if you have ever been diagnosed with CRAB or another drug resistant infection.
- You have a right to be treated with clean hands. All healthcare staff have to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before they touch you or any tubes attached to your body. If you did not see them wash their hands, it is ok to ask them to.
- Your visitors care about you. It's ok to ask them to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer too.
- Staff might come into your room to clean and disinfect. They do this to keep you safe. Please follow their instructions on what to do during this process.

What if I have questions?

- Ask your doctor or nurse.
- Visit our website at www.sdhai.org for more information or scan the QR code to the right.

