

# Carbapenem-Resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA)

## Frequently Asked Questions for Patient and Family Members



### What is CRPA?

- It is a bacteria that can survive in healthcare settings for a long time.

### What is the risk?

- It can be hard to treat with medicine usually used for bacteria.
- It can spread quickly in healthcare settings. It can lead to severe infections, when germs enter your body and make you sick. It can even cause death.

### How should I protect myself?

- Tell your doctor if you have ever been diagnosed with CRPA 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](http://www.sdhai.org) for more information or scan the QR code to the right.

