**Supplemental Online Content**

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| VRE Outbreak Control Measures |
| Patient | Standard Measures | * Risk based admission screening
* VRE positive patients placed in contact precautions in private rooms
* Roommate exposures to VRE positive patients placed in contact precautions in private rooms, and screened on days 0, 5 and 10 post-exposure
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| Supplemental Outbreak Control Measures | * Universal VRE admission screening (for all admissions including internal transfers)
* VRE discharge screening for all patients
* Weekly VRE prevalence screen of all patients on unit
* Screening of all patients transferred off unit who remain within organization (i.e., to alternate level of care) on days 0, 5, and 10 post-last exposure to outbreak unit
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| Staff | Standard Measures | * Gowns and gloves for all care for VRE positive patients
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| Supplemental Outbreak Control Measures | * Dedicated staff assignment to VRE positive patient cohort
* Regular feedback to unit regarding new cases and performance measures (such as hand hygiene and environmental audits)
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| Environmental  | Standard Measures | * Two-stage terminal clean for VRE positive patient rooms upon discharge/transfer
* Cleaning and disinfection of shared equipment between patients
* All cleaning performed with accelerated hydrogen peroxide-based cleaners
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| Supplemental Outbreak Control Measures | * Twice daily cleaning of VRE positive patient rooms
* Two-stage terminal clean of all patient rooms upon discharge/transfer
* Additional environmental services staff on unit for 8 hours per day
* Dedicated equipment for all VRE positive patients
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| Other | Supplemental Outbreak Control Measures | * Additional environmental services staff member for cleaning of all patient equipment
* Pharmacy staff member on-site for additional cleaning of medication cart
* Environmental audit of unit organization and practices
* Increased direct observation and practice feedback of hand hygiene (in addition to group electronic hand hygiene monitoring)
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VRE= Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus