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Burkholderia cepacia Possible Contamination of Liquid Docusate

NH Division of Public Health Services (NH DPHS) recommends:

- 1. CDC is investigating a multi-state outbreak of infections caused by *Burkholderia* cepacia complex (also known as "*B. cepacia* complex"), possibly linked to liquid docusate use. New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) is investigating a possible case in NH.
- 2. Do not use liquid docusate product in any patient until further guidance.
- 3. Healthcare providers and laboratories should remain alert for infections caused by *B. cepacia* complex occurring among non-cystic fibrosis (CF) patients and should inform infection prevention staff immediately when these infections are identified.
- 4. If you identify an infection with *B. cepacia* complex among non-CF patients, please report to DPHS at 603-271-4496 (after hours 1-800-852-3345, x5300), and save the isolate and all docusate products used in the facility.

For additional information on this outbreak, please refer to:

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at https://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/b-cepacia/index.html.

For questions, please call Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 or 1-800-852-3345, extension 4496 during business hours (8 am to 4:30 pm). Nights or weekends call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at 1-800-852-3345 extension 5300 and request the Public Health Professional on-call.

For any questions regarding the contents of this message, please contact NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 603-271-4496 (after hours 1-800-852-3345 ext.5300).

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