

**I have a
carbapenemase-producing organism.**

When caring for me:

- Use gown and gloves (**contact precautions**).
- **Perform hand hygiene** before/after my care.



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Things to Know

CPO Type _____ (e.g., KPC, NDM, OXA, VIM, IMP)
Place of Diagnosis: _____

CPOs are bacteria (germs) that have become **resistant to many antibiotics** (medicine).

They **spread by contact** (not through air), usually through hands or contact with body fluids.

Good hand washing helps prevent spread.

Healthcare staff will take **extra steps when caring for you** to keep from spreading the germs to others.

You **may have a CPO for a very long time**. Many people with a CPO do not feel sick and can live normal lives. Your doctor will tell you if treatment is needed.