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New Maryland Carbapenem-Resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB) Reporting Requirement

As of January 1, 2020, directors of Maryland medical laboratories and directors of laboratories located outside Maryland (collectively referred to hereafter as “directors of medical laboratories”) that perform medical laboratory tests on any specimen acquired from a person in Maryland are required to report carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* to the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau (IDEORB).

Specifically, directors of medical laboratories shall report any organism in the *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus* complex, from any body site, that is resistant to doripenem, imipenem or meropenem by the most recent CLSI breakpoints, or that is found to be a carbapenemase-producer via phenotypic testing (CIMTris, etc) or genotypic testing (PCR).

CR-*Acinetobacter baumannii* meeting the above definition should be reported within one business day to the MDH IDEORB. In addition, the director of a medical laboratory shall submit all CRAB isolates to the MDH Laboratories Administration.

The case report should include at least the following: date of report; patient name; patient date of birth; patient sex; patient residence; lab name; lab specimen number; specimen collection date; specimen source; organism isolated. **Reporting via electronic laboratory report is preferred**; however, where that is not possible, the MDH CRO Case Report Form or an automated testing instrument report containing the requisite information should be faxed to 410-669-4215.

Questions about isolate submission can be directed to the MDH Laboratories Administration at 443-681-3945 or mdphl.arln@maryland.gov. Questions about the requirement or how to report a case can be directed to the MDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau at 410-767-9843.

Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, Health-General Article, §§18-103(a), 18-102(b), and 2-104(m)