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# **HCAI/AMR Newsletter June 2017: Practical guidance for primary care teams on caring for patients with antibiotic resistant bacteria with an emphasis on those that live in the bowel**

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## **Description**

CPE (also referred to as carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)) are becoming increasingly common in Ireland, and recent outbreaks in two acute hospitals and a community hospital have been associated with a number of deaths.

CPE are gram-negative bacteria that are carried in the gut and are resistant to most, and sometimes all, available antibiotics. More than half of all patients who develop invasive CPE infections die as a result of their infection.

Are you not sure if this is relevant to you or your practice team? Read this practical fact sheet on what CRE means for general practice.

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