

Acinetobacter Baumannii Coming to a Hospital near you!



The Battle over multiple drug resistant microbes:
MRSA, Acinetobacter, C. Difficile, etc. "Irresponsible medicine"

Early this year an outbreak of MDR Acinetobacter Baumannii swept over Arizona, 236 cases in just two months. It was reported by the state disease monitoring systems, but ignored on the national level.

Now dubbed "Supergerms", they spread without warning and seemingly without official notices since they are infections instead of diseases. The government is taking advantage of this technicality.

An ICU nurse at Bethesda Naval in Washington DC leaves work feeling under the weather. Within 24 hours she is in a community hospital, intubated, with Acinetobacter Baumannii. It was determined that the bacteria were acquired from a patient at work. She succumbed to the infection quickly and with no fan fare. The story went silent.

At Brook Army Medical Center in Texas a soldier fights for his life, as his combat wounds are made worse by infections the doctors can't seem to handle. The only reason his story is known is that his civilian girl friend speaks up for him.

This outbreak that is spreading nation wide is largely due to the war in Iraq, and because of a legal technicality in reporting, the military and CDC will not discuss it publicly.

More people come forward, bit by bit, telling stories of how the hospital played down their infection. The one person who could have done something about it, "Rep. Dennis Moore" has walked away from the issue deciding it wasn't worth getting into even after what he had seen on a visit to Walter Reed.

This silent killer is continuing to spread, and to an indifferent country until it's YOUR turn. These bacteria will grow out of control in the near future as it spreads through neglect.

Every VAMC in this country that had a soldier from Iraq in it is contaminated with MDR AB, as simple as a doorknob or privacy curtain to pass it on. Doctors often work at VA hospitals and community hospitals also.

As long as it doesn't have to be reported it will not be. You're on your own America, until you say enough is enough.

Since OPERATION Iraqi Freedom began in 2003, more than 700 US soldiers have been infected or colonized with *Acinetobacter baumannii*. A significant number of additional cases have been found in the Canadian and British armed forces, and among wounded Iraqi civilians. The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology has recorded seven deaths caused by the bacteria in US hospitals along the evacuation chain.

Acinetobacter is only one of many bacterial nemeses prowling around in ICUs and neonatal units in hospitals all over the world. A particularly fierce organism known as MRSA - methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* - infects healthy people, spreads easily, and accounts for many of the 90,000 fatal infections picked up in US hospitals each year. Another drug-resistant germ on the rise in health care facilities, *Clostridium difficile*, moves in for the kill when long courses of antibiotics have wiped out normal intestinal flora.

While trying to figure out which virus, fungus, or bacteria may be causing an issue. Wouldn't it be prudent to treat the patient with a harmless natural product, which kills a broad range of pathogens?

Allimed® AC-23 has been proven effective against *Acinetobacter Baumannii*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Clostridium difficile*.

