

Product Bulletin

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RE: **Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)**

There has recently been a lot of press coverage related to the latest 'superbug' CRE. The term CRE refers to carbapenem-resistant and carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae. Currently, the most common type of carbapenemase in the United States is *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase (KPC).

CRE causes a variety of infections including pneumonia, bloodstream, wound, and urinary tract infections. The carbapenem class of antibiotics includes meropenem, imipenem, ertapenem, and doripenem. These antibiotics are often used as the last line of treatment for infections caused by resistant Gram-negative bacteria including Enterobacteriaceae.

CRE resistance to antibiotics does not affect the ability of high-level disinfectant germicides to eliminate this organism. The MEDIVATORS family of RAPICIDE® High-Level Disinfectants and Sterilants, which include RAPICIDE, RAPICIDE PA and RAPICIDE OPA/28 are very effective against these organisms and will provide users complete assurance of high-level disinfection outcomes when using any of these products.

If you have any further questions related to this or any other infection prevention topic, please do not hesitate to contact MEDIVATORS on 1-800-444-4729.



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