

ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT BACTERIA: SURVEILLANCE, CONTROL, AND ANTIBIOTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP

Emerging multidrug-resistant bacteria like CRE are harbingers of a potential postantibiotic era. The CDC's comprehensive 2019 Antibiotic Resistance Threat Report

(<https://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/pdf/threats-report/2019-ar-threats-report-508.pdf>) provides the updated estimate that >2.8 million antibiotic-resistant infections occur in the United States each year, and >35,000 people die as a result. The report ranks and reviews the 18 microbes currently viewed as our biggest threats and also provides a watch list of potential problems (**Table 142-2**).

TABLE 142-2 Bacteria and Fungi Listed in the CDC 2019 AR Threats Report