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**Health Advisory**

## **Multi-State Outbreak of *Burkholderia cepacia***

The North Dakota Department of Health is forwarding the following information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the use of liquid docusate and *Burkholderia cepacia* infections. The NDDoH asks facilities that have diagnosed *B. cepacia* infections in patients to report those infections to the department. Reports can be made by calling 1.800.472.2180 or 701.328.2378.

Until more info is available, the CDC recommends that healthcare facilities not use any liquid docusate products for patients who are critically ill, ventilated, or immunosuppressed. Institutions with non-cystic fibrosis patients in whom there are *B. cepacia* infections should sequester all liquid docusate products.

### **Description:**

The CDC is collaborating with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), multiple state and local health departments, and numerous healthcare facilities to investigate a multi-state outbreak of *B. cepacia* infections. These infections have occurred primarily in ventilated patients without cystic fibrosis and who are being treated in intensive care units.

Preliminary information indicates that a contaminated liquid docusate product might be related to cases in one state. Until more information is available, CDC recommends that facilities not use any liquid docusate products for patients who are critically ill, ventilated, or immunosuppressed. Institutions with non-cystic fibrosis patients in whom there are *B. cepacia* infections should sequester all liquid docusate products.

Healthcare providers and laboratories should be on alert for *B. cepacia* cases occurring among non-cystic fibrosis patients and should inform infection prevention staff when these infections occur. Cases should be reported to state or local public health authorities.

CDC will provide periodic updates to state health departments as more information becomes available.