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Kevin,

Thank you for bringing this article to our attention.

We agree with your concern about the threat of CRE throughout healthcare facilities. We published the Vital Signs report as a call-to-action for healthcare administrators and providers to take immediate steps to ensure that CDC infection prevention measures are aggressively implemented in an effort to protect patients and stop the spread of these organisms.

We appreciate and agree with your feedback regarding the need to define what constitutes an outbreak of CRE. We are currently working with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists to standardize approaches for tracking and reporting CRE. This will help to inform the work that all states are doing to monitor CRE infections. At this time, at least six states have moved forward with making CRE a reportable condition (CO, ND, OR, TN, WA, WI) and others are putting steps in place to make this possible. Additionally, we are working with the HAI coordinators in each state to better address HAI prevention efforts, including CRE prevention.

We appreciate your continued collaboration in HAI prevention, particularly your work to raise awareness about these issues.

Denise.

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