

Verbal Assent for *C. auris* Prevalence Testing
UCSF Health

Hello, (Mr., Mrs., Ms., *last name*).

My name is (collector's name) and I am a nurse here at UCSF. We are testing patients on this unit to check for a germ that was recently found in a patient who was cared for on this unit. The germ is called *Candida auris*.

We are testing patients on this unit because some people can carry this germ without knowing it and they can spread the germ to others without knowing it.

The chance that you are carrying this germ is very low, and fortunately, most people who are carriers don't get sick from it. There are a few reasons why it can be helpful to test patients for this germ.

First, your doctors will be able to make better decisions for you about your medical care if they know whether you carry this germ.

Second, the healthcare facility and health department need to know who is carrying the germ so they can help prevent it from spreading.

To do the test, I'll rub a cotton swab on the skin near your armpits and the area where your leg joins your body (groin)—the test is not painful. The swab will be sent to a lab to check for the germ. The results are usually available within a week. You will only be contacted if the results show that you carry this germ. If you are positive for the germ, one of your healthcare providers will contact you. The test results will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law.

Agreeing to these swabs is voluntary and you can choose not to be tested.

Do you have any questions?

Instructions for performing e-swab:

- Active surveillance screening swabs:
 - Obtain one E-swab for combined bilateral axilla and groin swab collection
 - **Ideally hold CHG bathing until after swab screening has been performed.**
 - Label E-swabs with collection sites: "Axilla and Groin"
 - **Single swab for bilateral axilla and groin composite collection:**
 - **Swab axillae (armpits):** Firmly rub soft end of collection swabs across the crease in the skin where the arm meets the body. Firmly swipe back and forth at least 3-5 times per armpit.
 - **Swab groin:** With same swab used on the axilla, firmly rub soft end of collection swab across the crease in the skin where the leg meets the pelvic region. Firmly swipe back and forth at least 3-5 times per groin.
- Place swabs in liquid transport media all the way to the bottom of the tube.
- Hold swab shaft close to the rim of the tube and break the applicator shaft at the breakpoint.