

**CDC Recommends Clinicians Immediately Stop Using Liquid Docusate for Certain Patients**

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) is sharing the following information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with you.

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

Health care 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 an update to this announcement early in the week of June 27.

Any questions or concerns regarding these recommendations should be directed to the PADOH at 1-877-PA-HEALTH or to your local health department.

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