

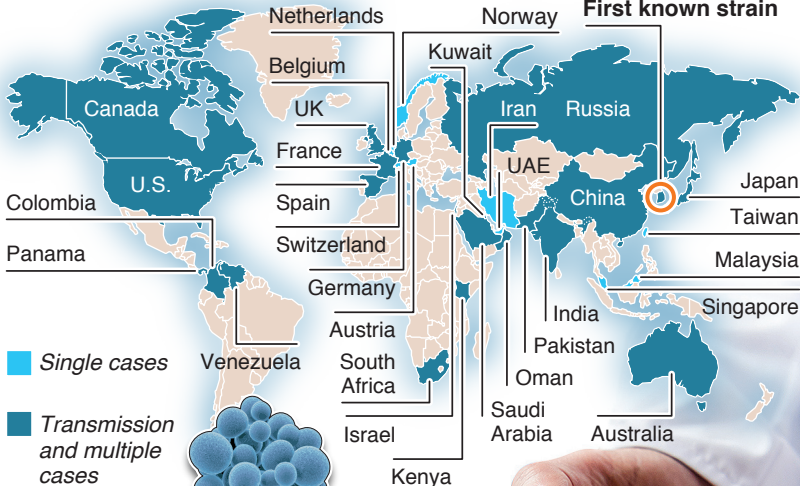
Candida auris infections on the rise

The *Candida auris* fungus, which preys on people with weak immune systems and is often acquired in hospitals, is spreading across the globe

Candida auris causes infections in bloodstream, ears and existing wounds. Fungus has also been isolated in respiratory and urine specimens, but it is not clear if it causes infections in lungs or bladder

GLOBAL CASES (as of Feb 28, 2019)

1996, South Korea:
First known strain



C. auris is regarded as emerging pathogen due to increasing infections in multiple countries

Spreads in healthcare settings through contact with contaminated surfaces or equipment, or from person to person

Fungus is resistant to antifungal drugs and hard to identify with standard laboratory methods, making it difficult to control