

THINK FUNGUS AND STAY CLEAR OF DOUBLE TROUBLE!

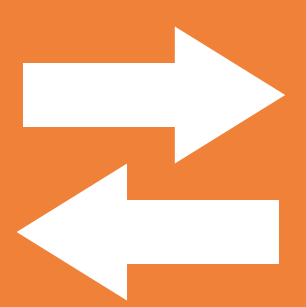
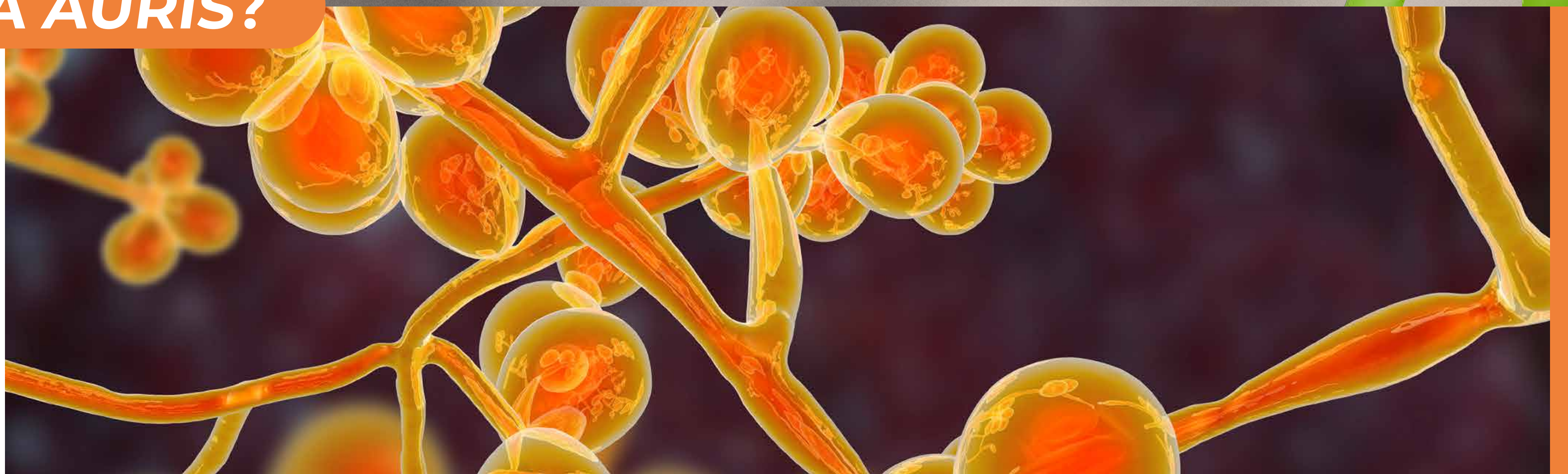
Serious fungal diseases can occur together with other illnesses and can be mistaken for, or masked by these illnesses

CANDIDA AURIS INFECTION



WHAT IS CANDIDA AURIS?

- ▶ This is a drug resistant fungus that spreads in healthcare facilities and causes serious bloodstream infections and even death.
- ▶ More than 1 in 3 patients with invasive *C. auris* infection in the blood die.



HOW DO I GET A CANDIDA AURIS INFECTION?

- ▶ The fungus is spread in hospitals through contact with affected patients, contaminated surfaces, or equipment.



WHO IS AT RISK FOR INFECTION?

- ▶ Individuals in hospital or nursing home settings with serious underlying medical problems. Co-infection with *Candida auris* has also been reported in critically ill patients who are COVID-19 positive.



HOW IS THIS INFECTION DIAGNOSED AND TREATED?

- ▶ *Candida auris* is easy to misidentify in the laboratory, which can lead to prescription of the wrong medications.
- ▶ *Candida auris* is often resistant to medications and therefore infections are not easily treated.



HOW CAN THIS INFECTION BE PREVENTED?

- ▶ It can be prevented through good hand hygiene and disinfection of surfaces, especially nursing homes and healthcare facilities, as *C. auris* can live on surfaces for several weeks.
- ▶ Collaboration between patients, patients' families/ close contacts, healthcare facilities, public health officials, and laboratory staff is required to identify, isolate, and contain *C. auris*.



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