

DIATHERIX Laboratories has added *Acinetobacter baumannii* to the Respiratory Infections Panel. The Respiratory Infections Panel now consists of *Acinetobacter baumannii* along with eleven other common respiratory bacterial pathogens and ten viral respiratory pathogens.

The CDC states “According to National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance System, *Acinetobacter* species caused 7% of ICU healthcare-associated pneumonias in 2003 compared with 4% in 1986. The proportion of ICU healthcare-associated urinary tract infections and surgical site infections caused by *Acinetobacter* also increased significantly from 1986 to 2003. Furthermore, the proportions of *Acinetobacter* isolates reported to NNIS that were resistant to ceftazidime, amikacin, and imipenem all increased significantly during that period. Healthcare-associated outbreaks of MDR *Acinetobacter* infection have been reported in Asia, Europe, North America, and among US service members injured in the Middle East. These findings have brought control of MDR *Acinetobacter* infections to the forefront of discussion.”(\*1)

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