

Table 5. Recommendations for control of VRE in long-term care facilities (adapted from Brennen et al.)

1. Patients colonized with VRE should not be denied admission to long-term care.
2. Patients colonized with VRE should be placed in private rooms or cohorting them with other colonized patients.
3. Staff should wear gowns and gloves during patient activities likely to result in VRE transmission. This includes dressing changes, bathing, changing bed linens, toileting, and care of indwelling catheters.
4. Hands must be washed after patient contact.
5. Patients who are colonized with VRE who are continent of stool and who do not have wounds that cannot be contained by dressings may attend activities such as physical therapy and recreation.
6. Antibiotic therapy should be given only when clearly indicated.
7. If a patient colonized with VRE is transferred to another health care facility, the receiving institution should be notified of the patient's status.