

Training programme: Infection Prevention and Control for CRE in Hospitals

Date: 6 and 7 October 2026 (2x 1-day trainings, 6 and 7 October 2026)

Location: Artis Centrum Hotel. Totorių g. 23, Vilnius, 01120 Vilniaus m. sav., Lithuania

Language: Instruction in English, with simultaneous Lithuanian interpretation to be organised by Institute of Hygiene.

Format: Face to face only, two identical 1-day trainings to be administered with two different groups of participants (about 25 persons per group)

Purpose: This training programme is designed to train professionals from Lithuanian hospitals in prevention and control of outbreaks of multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs), with a focus on carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacterales* (CRE). This training will be conducted in the context of multiple hospitals in Lithuania facing a rise in CRE cases, and a need for specialised training in implementing timely, coordinated, and evidence-based responses to CRE outbreaks. The purpose of this training is therefore to strengthen the capacity of IPC specialists and healthcare professionals in Lithuanian hospitals to effectively detect, investigate, and control CRE outbreaks in hospitals.

Participants will discuss current IPC practices to identify challenges, gaps, and lessons learnt. Good practices and needs can be identified and embedded into action plans for implementation in participants' hospital IPC programmes. The training will also serve as an opportunity to strengthen existing collaborations between hospital IPC teams and national-level actors in developing a timely, effective, and integrated public health response to CRE.

Preliminary agenda:

09:30–10:00	Check-in and coffee
10:00–10:30	Welcome and overview of national CRE situation Augustė Šalnaitė, Asta Jurkevičienė, Institute of Hygiene
10:30–11:10	Introduction to the training programme Interactive presentation: Review of CRE detection and control Vivian Leung, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control Imme Roewer de Porto, Robert Koch Institut, Germany
11:10–12:30	Interactive presentation and discussion: Behavioural and organisational implications for implementing CRE control in Lithuanian hospitals Michael Borg, Mater Dei Hospital, Malta
12:30–13:30	Lunch served at venue
13:30–15:00	Interactive presentation and breakout discussion: Practical CRE prevention

	and control interventions Fidelma Fitzpatrick, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, Ireland
15:00–15:40	Interactive presentation: Addressing CRE outbreaks and sustained circulation through IPC improvement and accountability Vivian Leung
15:40–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–16:50	Exercise: Policies, behaviours, and systems that cause and prevent outbreaks Fidelma Fitzpatrick Francisco Rios, State Office for Health and Social Affairs, Berlin
16:50–17:30	Discussion: Interventions to prioritise and how to address barriers to effective implementation of IPC measures in participants' settings Michael Borg
17:30–17:45	Closing comments