

Survival Times of Common Nosocomial Pathogens on Hospital Surfaces

(variability due to strains)

Gram Negative Bacteria:

Acinetobacter	3 days to 5 months
Klebsiella	2 hours to 5 months
Enterobacteriaceae (incl. CRE)	weeks to months
E.Coli	1.5 hours to 16 months
Pseudomonas	6 hours to 16 months

Gram Positive Bacteria:

Staphylococcus/ MRSA	7days to 7 months
Streptococcus (S. pneumonia, S. pyogenes)	3 days to 6.5 months
Enterococcus / VRE	5 days to 4 months

Spore Forming Bacteria:

Clostridium. difficile	5 months
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Yeast:

Candida albicans	up to 4 months
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Viruses:

Blood Borne (Hep.B and C, HIV)	1 week
Respiratory (Influenza, SARS, Rhinovirus)	1 to 3 days
GI Viruses (Norovirus, Rotavirus, Hep. A , Polio)	up to 2 months
Zika	18-72 hours
Herpes viruses	3 hours to 7 days
Enterovirus D68:	24 hours

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/6873698_How_Long_do_Nosocomial_Pathogens_Persist_on_Inanimate_Surfaces_A_Systematic_Review



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