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Bedbugs Carrying MRSA & VRE Found in Canadian Hospital

May 17, 2011 — Canadian scientists have reported that bedbugs carrying Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus (VRE) were found in a Vancouver, Canada, hospital, according to a Tornado Industries press release citing a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—or CDC—report.

MRSA is a bacterial infection often referred to as a "superbug" that is highly resistant to many antibiotics, while VRE is a less dangerous form of antibiotic-resistant bacteria superbug.

There is no clear evidence that the bedbugs have spread the MRSA or VRE bacteria they were carrying, but according to Dr. Marc Romney, a medical biologist with St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, the finding needs to be further researched. The scientists initially analyzed a sample of five bedbugs; MRSA was found in three of the bugs and VRE in two.

In the past couple of years, finding ways to eradicate bedbugs has garnered considerable attention in the professional cleaning industry.

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