

Meet the Superbugs

Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Also called: *P. aeruginosa* **Say it:** Sudo-mo-nas Air-u-gin-osa

About: High resistance to many antibiotics and can cause life-threatening infections. Generally occurs in people in hospital or among those with weakened immune systems.¹

Shape: Rod¹ **Year identified:** 1882¹

Potential threats include: Urinary tract infections, sepsis and pneumonia¹

One way to fight this superbug: Use antibiotics as directed by your doctor²

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2. World Health Organization (WHO). Antibiotic resistance: Key facts. 5 February 2018.
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