

Meet the Superbugs

Acinetobacter baumannii

Also called: *A. baumannii* **Say it:** Asz-in-EE-toe-back-ter Bow-MA-nee-ie

About: Found mostly in hospitals where it can cause life-threatening infections. Has developed high resistance to multiple antibiotics.¹

Shape: Short Rod¹ **Year identified:** 1911²

Potential threats include: Pneumonia, sepsis, and wound infections¹

One way to fight this superbug: Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds^{1,3}

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