

# 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.<sup>1</sup>

**Shape:** Short Rod<sup>1</sup>

**Year identified:** 1911<sup>2</sup>

**Potential threats include:**  
Pneumonia, sepsis, and  
wound infections<sup>1</sup>

**One way to help  
fight this Superbug:**  
Wash hands regularly  
with soap and water  
for 20 seconds<sup>1,3</sup>

**References:** **1.** Mandell, Douglas, and Bennett's Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases, 7th edition, edited by Gerald L. Mandell, John E. Bennett, and Raphael Dolin, 2009 **2.** Almasaudi, Saad B. Acinetobacter spp. as nosocomial pathogens: Epidemiology and resistance features. Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences. Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.sjbs.2016.02.009> Last accessed August 2019. **3.** CDC When and How to Wash Your Hands, last referenced August 2019, <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>