<Date>

<Patient details>

Dear <Patient name>,

We are contacting you regarding your recent admission to <hospital name>. Following your admission to <name of ward> an organism that has become resistant to many antifungal medicines was isolated from a/some patient/s in the ward. The organism is a fungus called *Candida auris* (also known as *C. auris*).

Staff have since taken measures to prevent the spread to other patients, and the risk of spread to you is very small.

However, as a precaution, we are contacting all patients who were on <ward name> at the same time as the infected patient/s. As such, if you are re-admitted to a hospital in the next **12 months**, we ask that you advise the hospital that you are a **ward contact** from an area that has been found to have *C. auris*. The hospital will then arrange for you to be tested for *C. auris*.

Please keep this letter so that you can show staff when you are next admitted to a hospital.

Alternatively, if you wish to be tested for *C. auris* before your next hospital admission, this can be arranged. Please contact <name of designated contact>, <department> on <phone number> during business hours. Please note that if you arrange for testing with your GP you will be charged for this service as this screening test is not rebated through Medicare.

Further information regarding *C. auris* is available in the information sheet provided with this letter. If you have any further questions as a result of this letter, please contact <name of designated contact>, <department> on <phone number> during business hours or take this letter to your GP to discuss with them.

Regards,