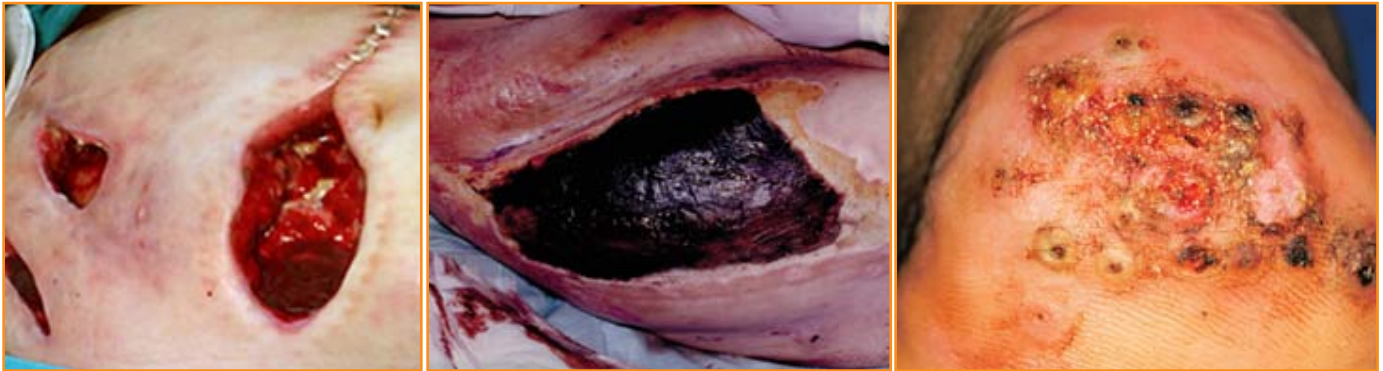


# Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus



**Full Name:** Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus

**Aliases:** VRE

**Crime family:** Bacteria

**Crime:** Has the deadly ability to pass resistant genes to other bacteria and is particularly dangerous to sick people.

**Victims:** More than 300,000 patients with malignant tumors are at risk of developing infection with VRE each year in the U. S. alone. VRE infections cost over \$80,000 per patient on average.

**Last Known Whereabouts:** VRE can be carried by healthy people who have come into contact with the bacteria. The most likely place where such contact can occur is in a hospital, although it is thought that a significant percentage of intensively-farmed chicken also carries VRE.