A **CDC report** released on December 4th warns of a "phantom menace," a strain of antibiotic-resistant bacteria from the carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE) family. This CRE superbug is capable of transmitting antibiotic resistance to other bacteria through a gene carried in a plasmid. It’s easily passed to other bacteria, potentially spreading antibiotic resistance.

To suggest a topic, please email wellness@rochesterregional.org. To read the full article, click the linked title.

- **Nabarro LE & Veeraraghavan B.** (2015). *Combination therapy for carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae: Increasing evidence, unanswered questions, potential solutions*. European Journal of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, 34(12), 2307-2311. – click to request full text
- **Perez F & Villegas MV.** (2015). *The role of surveillance systems in confronting the global crisis of antibiotic-resistant bacteria*. Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases, 28(4), 375-383. – click to request full text

**Bibliography compiled by Tami Hartzell, M.L.S.**