

# LABORATORY-IDENTIFIED (LabID) EVENT REPORTING MRSA BACTEREMIA AND *C. DIFFICILE*

National Healthcare Safety  
Network (NHSN)

## KEY POINTS FOR LabID EVENT REPORTING

- ▶ Can be monitored at the overall facility-wide level for IP areas (FacWideIN), and/or at the overall facility-wide level for outpatient areas (FacWideOUT)
- ▶ At the overall facility-wide levels and for IRF, ED and 24-observation can be monitored for ***All Specimen*** types or for ***Blood Specimens Only***
- ▶ Can be monitored for specific location (requires unique denominator)
- ▶ For NHSN purposes the 'date admitted to the facility' is the ***calendar date that the patient physically locates to an inpatient location.***

## KEY CONCEPTS

- ▶ LabID event reporting is based strictly on laboratory testing data without clinical evaluation of the patient, allowing for a much less labor-intensive method to track *C. difficile* and MDROs, such as MRSA
- ▶ These provide proxy infection measures of healthcare acquisition, exposure burden, and infection burden based primarily on laboratory and limited admission data



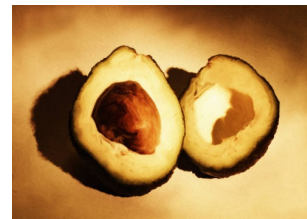
## KEY CONCEPTS

- ▶ LabID Event reporting is by single facility; prior positives identified at a different facility will not influence reporting at your facility and are not considered in event categorization
- ▶ \*\*\*the '**Transfer Rule**' does NOT apply to LabID event reporting
- ▶ LabID Events are attributable to the location where the positive specimen is collected. There is no time requirement for 'how long' the patient must be housed on the unit to be eligible for reporting.



# BEWARE THE PITS

- ▶ LabID Events and HAI Events are two reporting pathways
  - ▶ An Event that is both a LabID Event and an HAI should be reported (if in plan)



SPICE



When calculating the “14 day” rule the LAST positive LabID event, at that location, is your starting point.

SPICE

**EXAMPLE:**

Monitoring *Blood Specimens only* with multiple isolates from same location

On January 1, an ICU patient has a positive MRSA urine culture which is **not entered** into NHSN because blood specimens only are being monitored. On January 2, while in the same location (ICU), the same patient has a positive MRSA blood culture which is **entered** into NHSN. This starts the 14-day count. On January 5, while in the same location (ICU), the same patient has another positive MRSA blood culture which is **not entered** into NHSN because it has not been 14 days since the original positive MRSA blood culture while in the same location. The January 5 positive blood culture starts a new 14-day count. On January 19, while in the same location (ICU), the same patient has another positive MRSA blood culture. The January 19 MRSA blood culture is **entered** into NHSN because it has been more than 14 days since the patient's most recent positive blood culture (January 5) while in the same location (January 19 is day 15).

Date	Location	Specimen Body Site	Reportable?	
1-Jan	ICU	Urine – MRSA isolate	NO	
2-Jan	ICU	Blood – MRSA isolate	YES	
3-Jan	ICU			
4-Jan	ICU			
5-Jan	ICU	Blood – MRSA isolate	NO	1
6-Jan	ICU			2
7-Jan	ICU			3
8-Jan	ICU			4
9-Jan	ICU			5
10-Jan	ICU			6
11-Jan	ICU			7
12-Jan	ICU			8
13-Jan	ICU			9
14-Jan	ICU			10
15-Jan	ICU			11
16-Jan	ICU			12
17-Jan	ICU			13
18-Jan	ICU			14
19-Jan	ICU	Blood – MRSA isolate	YES	15

Non-blood isolate

<14 days from prior blood isolate -- no new blood isolate can be reported

>14 days -- new blood isolate should be reported

## DENOMINATORS FOR LabID EVENT

**Denominators = Patient Days, admissions (for inpatient locations) and encounters for emergency department, and observation units.**

### Patient Days:

- At the same time each day, the number of patients on the inpatient units should be recorded. This procedure should be followed regardless of the patient's **status** as an observation patient or an inpatient (based on IP location).
- Patient Admissions:**
  - Include any **new** patients that are assigned to a bed in **any inpatient location** within the facility at the time of the facility-wide admission count (i.e., was not present on the previous calendar day at the time of patient count).
- Encounter:**
  - A Patient visit to an outpatient location



## MDRO and CDI Monthly Denominator Form

Mandatory fields marked with \*

[Print Form](#)

Facility ID \*:

Location Code \*: FACWIDEIN - Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWIDEIn)

Month \*: January

Year \*: 2022

### General

Line 1: Setting: Inpatient Total Facility Patient Days \*:  Total Facility Admissions \*:

Line 2: If your facility has a CMS-certified rehab unit (IRF) or CMS-certified psych unit (IPF), please subtract these counts from "Total Facility Patient Days" and "Total Facility Admissions" (Line 1).

If you do not have these units, enter the same values you entered on Line 1.

Counts= [Total Facility - (IRF + IPF)]

Patient Days \*:  Admissions \*:

Line 3: If your facility has a CMS-certified IRF, CMS-certified IPF, NICU, or Well Baby Unit, please subtract those counts from "Total Facility Patient Days" and "Total Facility Admissions" (Line 1).

If you do not have these units, enter the same values you entered on Line 1.

Counts= [Total Facility - (IRF + IPF + NICU + Well Baby Unit)]

Patient Days \*:  Admissions \*:

### Denominator Data: FacWideIN:

On the summary data entry screen, select FACWIDEIN as the location for which you are entering the summary data. After selecting the FACWIDEIN location, month, and year, six summary data fields will become required

SPICE

For this quarter, what is the primary testing method for C. difficile used most often by your facility's laboratory or the outside laboratory where your facility's testing is performed?

Note: PCR testing should be indicated by selecting NAAT \*

Specimen Type	Report No Events	Report No Events	Report No Events	Report No Events	Report No Events
EIA - Enzyme immunoassay (EIA) for toxin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cyto - Cell cytotoxicity neutralization assay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAAT - Nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAATEIA - NAAT plus EIA, if NAAT positive (2-step algorithm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GDH - Glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH) antigen plus EIA for toxin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GDHNAAT - GDH plus NAAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GDHEIA - GDH plus EIA for toxin, followed by NAAT for discrepant results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ToxiCul - Toxigenic culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTH - Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(All specimens)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LabID Event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Denominator Data:

- Select CDI Test type quarterly (last month of each calendar-year-quarter – March; June; September; December)

SPICE

## NHSN Home

Alerts

Dashboard

Reporting Plan

Patient

Event

Procedure

Summary Data

COVID-19



## MDRO and CDI Monthly Denominator Form

Mandatory fields marked with \*

Facility ID \*:

Location Code \*: 5 EAST - ADULT REHAB

Month \*: January

Year \*: 2022

## General

Setting: Inpatient Total Patient Days:

Total Admissions:

## NHSN Home

Alerts

Dashboard

Reporting Plan

Patient

Event

Procedure

Summary Data

COVID-19

Import/Export



## MDRO and CDI Monthly Denominator Form

Mandatory fields marked with \*

Facility ID \*:

Location Code \*: 5 WEST - ADULT PSYCH

Month \*: January

Year \*: 2022

## General

Setting: Inpatient Total Patient Days:

Total Admissions:

## Organism Selection/Confirmation of No Events

SPICE



## MDRO and CDI Monthly Denominator Form

Mandatory fields marked with \*

Facility ID \*:

Location Code \*: ED-ER - ED-ER

Month \*: January

Year \*: 2022

## General

Setting: Outpatient Total Encounters \*:

## Organism Selection/Confirmation of No Events

Specific Organism Type	Report MRSA No Events	Report CDIF No Events	Report MSSA No Events	Report CephR- Kleb No Events	Report CRE- Ecoli No Events	Report CRE- Entero No Events	Report CRE- Kleb No Events	MDR- Acine
Infection Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LabID Event (All specimens)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LabID Event (Blood specimens only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## MDRO and CDI Monthly Denominator Form

Mandatory fields marked with \*

Facility ID \*:

Location Code \*: OBS - 24-HR OBS

Month \*: January

Year \*: 2022

## General

Setting: Outpatient Total Encounters \*:

## Organism Selection/Confirmation of No Events

Specific Organism Type	Report MRSA No Events	Report CDIF No Events	Report MSSA No Events	Report CephR- Kleb No Events	Report CRE- Ecoli No Events	Report CRE- Entero No Events	Report CRE- Kleb No Events	MDR- Acine
Infection Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LabID Event (All specimens)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LabID Event (Blood specimens only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SPICE



## Denominator Data: Report No Events

- If you have reported any LabID events during the month, you are **finished** with your reporting for the month and can skip this step.
- If you have no LabID events for the specific month of reporting, you must indicate this on the summary data record to complete your reporting efforts.
- On the MDRO and CDI Module summary data form, checkboxes for “Report No Events” are found underneath the patient day and admission count fields, as seen in the screenshot below.

*If no LabID events are submitted for the month, these boxes should be 'checked' for each event you are following "in-plan". If these boxes are not checked, your data is not complete and will not be submitted to CMS*

Specific Organism Type	MRSA	Report No Events	VRE	Report No Events	C. difficile	Report No Events
Infection Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LabID Event (All specimens)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LabID Event (Blood specimens only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



## DEFINITION: MRSA BACTEREMIA LabID EVENT

- MRSA positive **blood specimen** for a patient in a location with no prior MRSA positive blood specimen result collected within 14 days for the

PATIENT

and the LOCATION

(includes across calendar months and different facility admissions to same location)

- **Applies to ALL inpatient locations [including locations known to predominately house babies] and Emergency Departments and 24-hour Observation locations.**



## DUPLICATE MRSA BACTEREMIA LABID EVENT



- Definition:

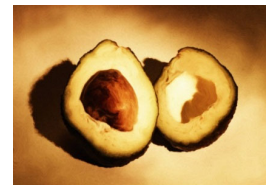
Any MRSA blood isolate from the **same patient** and **same location**, following a previous positive MRSA blood laboratory result within the past 14 days (*including across calendar months*).

*NHSN removes ALL duplicates within 14 days even when it's obtained in a new unit*

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/labid-calculator/index.html>

SPICE

## BEWARE THE PITS



- ▶ MRSA bacteremia that is secondary to another HAI will still need to be reported as a LabID event

SPICE



# CATEGORIZATION OF MRSA BLOOD LabID EVENTS



- Community-Onset (CO):
  - LabID Event specimen collected in an outpatient location or an inpatient location  $\leq 3$  days after admission to the facility (i.e., days 1 (admission), HD 2 or HD 3)
- Healthcare Facility-Onset (HO):
  - LabID Event specimen collected  $> 3$  days after admission to the facility (i.e., on or after day 4)



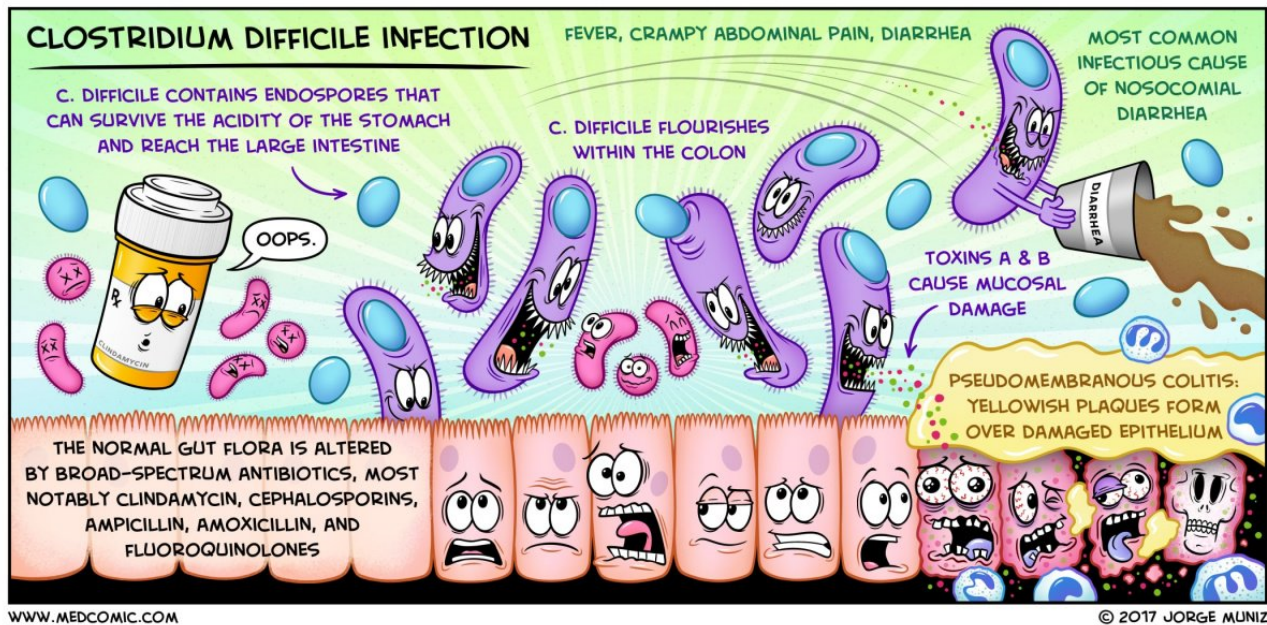
SPICE

## MRSA BLOODSTREAM INFECTION SIR

- Number of all unique blood source MRSA LabID Events identified in a non-IRF/IPF inpatient location  $> 3$  days after admission to the facility (specifically, HO MRSA blood events with no prior MRSA blood event for that patient in the previous 14 days) / Number of predicted HO MRSA blood LabID Events

SPICE

# CLOSTRIDIoidES DIFFICILE (*C. difficile*)



## *C. Difficile* LabID EVENT

(excludes locations known to predominately house babies (NICU, nursery, etc.)

- A Positive lab test result for *C. difficile* toxin A and/or B (includes molecular assays [PCR] and/or toxin assays)

OR

- A toxin-producing *C. difficile* organism detected in the stool specimen by culture, or another laboratory means

*C. difficile* testing only on UNFORMED stool samples!!  
Stool should conform to shape of container



- When using a multi-testing algorithm on the same unformed stool specimen, the finding of the **last test** performed on the specimen that is documented in the patient MR will determine if the CDI positive laboratory assay definition is met.

## EXAMPLES OF MULTI-STEP TESTING INTERPRETATIONS

Multi-step Testing Same Specimen	Testing Step	Testing Method	Documented Findings	Eligible LabID Event?
Example A  Last test →	Test 1	NAAT	Negative	Yes
	Test 2	GDH	Positive	
	Test 3	EIA	Positive	
Example B  Last test →	Test 1	NAAT	Positive	No
	Test 2	GDH	Positive	
	Test 3	EIA	Negative	
Example C  Last test →	Test 1	GDH	Positive	Yes
	Test 2	EIA	Negative	
	Test 3	NAAT	Positive	
Example D  Last test →	Test 1	GDH	Positive	No
	Test 2	EIA	Positive	
	Test 3	NAAT	Negative	

## DUPLICATE C. DIFFICILE LABID EVENT

### ► Definition:

Any *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result from the **same patient** and **same location**, following a previous *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result within the past 14 days (*including across calendar months and readmissions to the same facility location*).

There should be 14 days with **NO** *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result for the patient and specific location before another *C. difficile* LabID Event is entered into NHSN for the patient and the location

*The 14-day rule for LabID events reporting is specific to the location and resets each time a patient transfers to a new inpatient location.*



**EXAMPLE:** On January 1, an ICU patient has a *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result which is entered into NHSN. On January 4, while in the same location (ICU), the same patient has another positive *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result which is not entered into NHSN because it is a duplicate for the patient and location (has not been more than 14 days since the original *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result while in the same location). On January 16, while in the same location (ICU), the same patient has another *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result. While it has been more than 14 days since the initial positive *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result was entered into NHSN (January 1) for the same patient and same location, it has not been more than 14 days since the patient's most recent *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result (January 4) while in the same location. Therefore, the *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result for January 16 is not entered into NHSN. On January 31, the patient has another *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result while in the same location (ICU). Since it has been more than 14 days since the patient's most recent *C. difficile* toxin-positive laboratory result (January 16) while in the same location, this event is entered into NHSN.



# CATEGORIZATION OF *C. Difficile* LabID EVENTS

- **Community-Onset (CO):**

- LabID Event specimen collected in an outpatient location in which the patient was not previously discharged from an inpatient location within the same facility  $\leq 28$  days prior to current date of specimen collection **OR**
- LabID Event specimen collected as an inpatient  $\leq 3$  days after admission to the facility (i.e., days 1 (admission), HD 2 or HD 3)



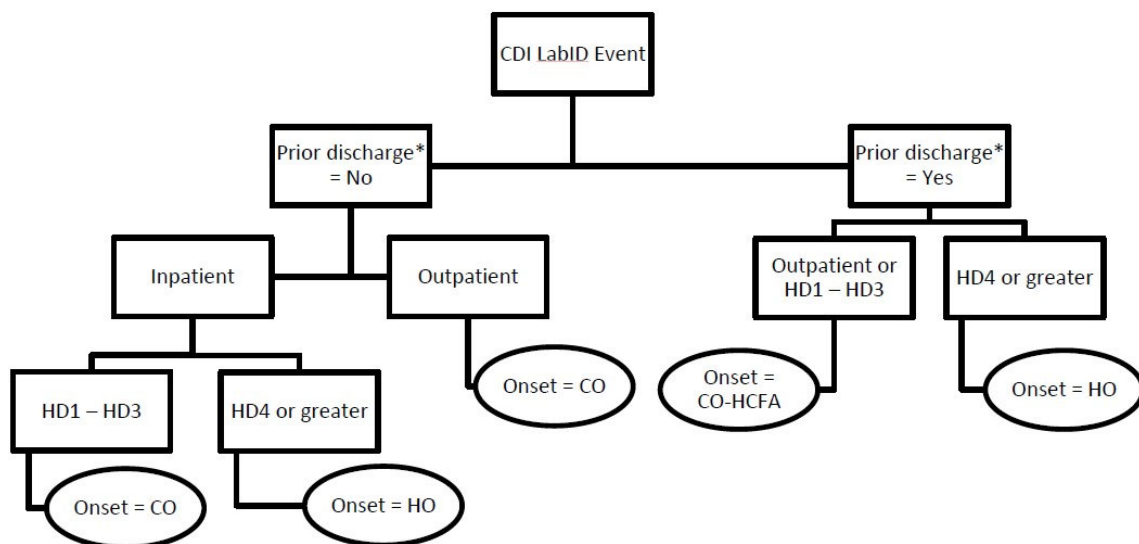
- **Community-Onset Healthcare Facility-Associated (CO-HCFA):**

- CO LabID Event specimen collected from an inpatient or outpatient location from a patient who was discharged from the facility  $\leq 28$  days prior to current date of stool specimen collection. Previous discharge must have been from an IP location within the same facility



- **Healthcare Facility-Onset (HO):**

- LabID Event specimen collected  $> 3$  days after admission to the facility (i.e., on or after day HD 4)



\* Patient discharged from inpatient location within the same facility less than or equal to 28 days prior current event  
Hospital Day (HD)



## ADDITIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF *C. Difficile* LabID EVENTS

- ▶ Incident CDI Assay: Any CDI LabID Event from a specimen obtained > 56 day (day 57) after the most recent CDI LabID event (or with no previous CDI LabID Event documented) for that patient
- ▶ Recurrent CDI Assay: Any CDI LabID Event from a specimen obtained > 14 days (day 15) and  $\leq$  56 days after the most recent CDI LabID event for that patient

SPICE

## FacWideIN CDI SIR

- ▶ = Number of all incident CDI LabID events identified in a non-IRF/IPF location more than 3 days after admission to the facility/Number of predicted HO CDI LabID events

*Note: More information about which events are counted in the FacWideIN CDI SIR can be found here: [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ps-analysis-resources/mrsacdi\\_tips.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ps-analysis-resources/mrsacdi_tips.pdf)*

SPICE



## C. Difficile LabID EVENT: REVIEW

- ▶ *C. difficile* toxin-positive specimens **MUST** be monitored throughout all inpatient locations, the ED and 24 observation units....with the exception of NICU, SCN, Well baby Nurseries and babies in LDRP units.
- ▶ All *C. difficile* LabID events **MUST** be entered whether community-onset, or healthcare facility-onset.
- ▶ Only unformed stools should be tested for *C. difficile*.
- ▶ A positive CD finding from unformed stool specimen qualifies if there has not been a previous + result for the patient and location within the previous 14 days.



Table 4: Measures Delivered to CMS For Facilities Participating in Quality Reporting Programs MRSA Bloodstream Infection and *C. difficile* LabID Events

<u>Facility Type</u>	<u>CMS Quality Reporting Program</u>	<u>MRSA Bloodstream Infection LabID Event Measure Sent to CMS</u>	<u>C. difficile LabID Event Measure Sent to CMS</u>
General Acute Care Hospitals	Inpatient Quality Reporting Program	FacWideIN MRSA Bacteremia SIR	FacWideIN CDI SIR
Long Term Care Hospitals (referred to as Long Term Acute Care Hospitals in NHSN)	Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program	None	FacWideIN CDI SIR
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs)	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program	IRF units within a hospital: None	IRF units within a hospital: CDI SIR for IRF Units
		Free-standing IRFs: None	Free-standing IRFs: FacWideIN CDI SIR
PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals (PCHs)	PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program	FacWideIN MRSA Bacteremia SIR	FacWideIN CDI SIR

## LabID Event Calculator:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/labid-calculator/index.html>

- Available for use with *C. difficile* and MRSA LabID Event reporting
- Aids in decision making around the 14-day rule
- External calculator



### National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)

[CDC](#) > [NHSN](#) > [Materials for Enrolled Facilities](#)

#### MDRO & CDI LabID Event Calculator

Welcome to the Multidrug-resistant Organism and Clostridium difficile LabID Event Calculator (LabID Calculator) which implements the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) MDRO and *C. difficile* surveillance definitions. The calculator is designed as a learning tool for understanding the [more](#)

#### Enter a Reporting Plan...

Choose an organism to track:

Select  
MRSA  
MSSA  
VRE  
CephR-Klebsiella  
CRE-Ecoli  
CRE-Klebsiella  
MDR-Acinetobacter  
CDIF-C. difficile

☐ All Specimen Types ☐ Blood Specimens Only

☒ Use Generic Locations ☐ Type In Your Own

Choose a reporting month:  Choose a reporting year:

Next...



## KNOWLEDGE CHECK

- ▶ 65yo patient undergoing treatment for lymphoma presents to the ED from home unresponsive with significant low BP. Fluid resuscitation initiated with blood cultures/labs collected.
- ▶ After stabilization, the patient is admitted to ICU on 2/1 The patient's standard chemotherapy infusion is conducted on 2/3 and TPN/lipids are started.
- ▶ Later this day, blood cultures are collected after temp spike. The 2/1 and 2/3 blood cultures result as MRSA+ on 2/4.
- ▶ Diarrhea is noted first on 2/4 continuing 2/5 and 2/6.
- ▶ An unformed stool specimen is collected 2/6, testing positive for *C. difficile*. The patient has a sudden cardiac arrest and expires 2/7.



- If you're monitoring FacWideIN MRSA bacteremia and C. difficile LabID events, are there events for reporting and if so, how many?



SPICE

## LINKS TO ANALYSIS

- SIR Guide, to learn more about the SIR & how it's calculated [updated 2/21]:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ps-analysis-resources/nhsn-sir-guide.pdf>

- Introduction to NHSN Analysis:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/training/2019/intro-nhsn-analysis-508.pdf>.

- Analyzing LabID Event Data in NHSN:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/training/2020/labid-update-508.pdf>

SPICE

# THANK YOU

