

Chapter 2 Overview – It's About Time!

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Chapter 2: Identifying Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI) for NHSN Surveillance

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)

Patient Safety Component Manual

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Agenda

Review the following Chapter 2 concepts/principles:

- Infection Window Period (IWP)
- Date of Event (DOE)
- Location of Attribution (LOA)
- Transfer Rule
- Repeat Infection Timeframe (RIT)
- Secondary BSI Attribution Period (SBAP)
- Pathogen Assignment Guidance

Accurate & Complete Reporting



Adherence to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Infection Definitions and Criteria is Needed to Ensure Accuracy, Completeness, and Comparability of Infection Information

Issue: Ensuring data accuracy is critically important to both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for guiding prevention priorities and protecting patients. CDC and CMS require that all infections that meet the specified NHSN criteria and that CMS requires for incentive payment or public reporting purposes be reported to NHSN. CDC and CMS are issuing this communication to remind all hospitals of the importance of complete and accurate data for purposes of quality of care measurement and improvement.

Background: The CDC's NHSN is the nation's most comprehensive medical event tracking system used by more than 16,000 U.S. healthcare facilities in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Data from NHSN is used for tracking of healthcare-associated infections and guides infection prevention activities that protect patients. CMS and other payers use these data to determine incentives for performance and members of the public may use the data to select among available providers. Each of these parties relies on the completeness and accuracy of the data. CDC and CMS are fully committed to ensuring complete and accurate reporting, which is critical for protecting patients and guiding national, state, and local prevention priorities. Identifying infections and making sure that patients receive the highest quality of care is our top priority.

CDC has received reports from NHSN users indicating that in some healthcare facilities, some of the decisions about what infections should be reported to NHSN are made by individuals who may choose to disregard CDC's protocol, definitions, and criteria or who are not thoroughly familiar with the NHSN specifications. While there is no evidence of a widespread problem, CDC and CMS take any deviation from NHSN protocols seriously.

In some instances, these decisions may be made through a review process that overrules the decision of an infection preventionist or hospital epidemiologist to report an infection to NHSN, or clinicians may have departed from standard diagnostic practices to avoid reporting infections to NHSN, for example:

- Ordering diagnostic tests in absence of clinical symptoms. It has been reported that in some instances, when patients are admitted to a hospital, diagnostic microbiology tests are ordered even in the absence of clinical indication for testing, such as for culture of the respiratory tract, for example, for patients who become aware of them, or from NHSN's reporting process. Call your internal hospital or health system compliance processes to address the issue.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/cms-reporting.html>

Excluded Organisms

All organisms are included in HAI criteria except:

- Those well-known to cause community associated infections and have long incubation periods:
 - *Blastomyces*
 - *Paracoccidioides*
 - *Histoplasma*
 - *Cryptococcus*
 - *Coccidioides*
 - *Pneumocystis*
- Organisms associated with latent infections (for example, herpes, shingles, syphilis, or tuberculosis)

The Building Blocks of NHSN Patient Safety Component HAI Surveillance Definitions

Table 1: **Exceptions** to application of Chapter 2

	SSI*	LabID*	VAE*	PedVAE
Infection Window Period (IWP) [†]	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Date of Event (DOE)				
Present on admission (POA)				
Healthcare-associated infection (HAI)				
Repeat Infection Time Period (RIT) [†]				
Secondary BSI Attribution Period (SBAP) [†]				

[†]Extended in the Endocarditis (ENDO) criteria, see Chapter 17: CDC/NHSN Surveillance Definitions for Specific Types of Infections

*Surveillance protocols for Surgical Site Infection (SSI), Laboratory-Identified (LabID) Event, and Ventilator-Associated Events (VAE)

Infection Window Period (IWP)

7-day window of **time** during which all site-specific infection criteria must be met.

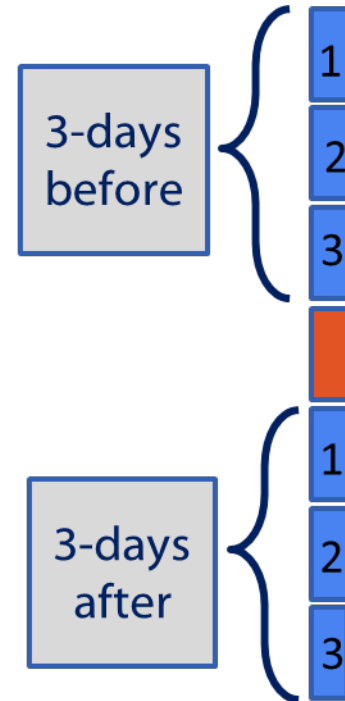
- the collection date of the first positive diagnostic test that is used as an element to meet the site-specific infection criterion,

PLUS

- the 3-calendar days before

and

- the 3-calendar days after



Infection Window Period

- Examples of diagnostic test *
 - Laboratory specimen collection
 - Imaging test
 - Procedure or exam

- Examples of localized signs or symptoms:
 - Diarrhea
 - Site-specific pain
 - Purulent exudate



* Use the **first diagnostic** test that creates an infection window period during which **all elements** of the criterion can be found

Date of Event (DOE)

The date the first element used to meet the CDC NHSN site-specific infection criterion occurs for the first time within the **seven-day** infection window period

NOTE: The element **MAY** be present before the infection window period is established.

**21 days for
Endocarditis (ENDO)**

**NOTE: The DOE may NOT always be the date of
the diagnostic test!!!!**

Infection Window Period

Hospital Day	Criterion
8	
9	
10	
11	Temp = 101.5°F
12	Temp = 102.1°F
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
14	
15	
16	
17	

Diagnostic Test → 13

3-days Before

3-days After

7-Day Infection Window Period

Infection Window Period and Date of Event

Hospital Day	SUTI Criterion
8	
9	
10	
11	Temp = 101.5° F
12	Temp = 102.1° F
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
14	
15	
16	
17	

Date of Event → 11

7-Day Infection Window Period

The diagram illustrates a 7-day infection window period starting from hospital day 11. The window covers days 11 through 17. The date of the event is marked as day 11. The SUTI criterion is circled in orange.

Infection Window Period and Date of Event

Hospital Day	SUTI Criterion
8	
9	Temp = 100.5° F
10	Temp = 100.5° F
11	
12	Temp = 102.1° F
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
14	
15	
16	
17	

Date of Event → 10

7-Day Infection Window Period

Date of Admission

Date that the patient is physically admitted to an inpatient location.

Time spent in the
Emergency Department
or other outpatient
locations before admission,
should NOT
used to set the
Date of Admission



Present on Admission (POA)

- Date of event occurs on either the
 - day of admission
 - day after admission to an inpatient location.
- POA time period = the day of admission, 2 days before and the day after admission.

* If the date of event occurs before admission, the date of event = date of admission.

Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI)

- Date of event occurs on or after the 3rd calendar day of admission.

Hospital Day	Date of Event
-2	
-1	
1	POA
2	
3	HAI
4	
5	

Associating an Infection to a Device

- An infection where the medical device* was in place (or central line* is accessed) for >2 calendar days on the date of event.

AND



any part of the day

- The device was also in place on the date of event or the day before.

AND

- The patient was in an inpatient location.

*See Additional Information on next slides

*Additional Information for Associating an Infection to a Device

#1 *A central line is eligible for central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) event following the first access of the central line*

Keep in mind that the following must be met:

- Device in place > 2 days
- Device in place on the date of event or before
- Patient is in an inpatient location

Hospital Day	Note from medical record	Device Association
N/A	Pt admitted with central line in place (not-accessed)	N/A
1 – Admission to inpatient location		Ineligible for CLABSI
2		Ineligible for CLABSI
3	--	Ineligible for CLABSI
4	-	Ineligible for CLABSI
5	Central line accessed	Eligible for CLABSI
6	--	Eligible for CLABSI

*Additional Information for Associating an Infection to a Device

#2 If an indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) is in place **prior to** inpatient admission, the IUC day count that determines device-association begins with the **admission date to the first inpatient location**.

Hospital Day	Note from medical record	Device Association
N/A	Indwelling urinary catheter in place prior to admission	N/A
1 – Admission to inpatient location		Ineligible for CAUTI
2		Ineligible for CAUTI
3	-	Eligible for CAUTI
4	-	Eligible for CAUTI
5	-	Eligible for CAUTI
6	-	Eligible for CAUTI

Removed/Discontinued Devices

If a central line or indwelling urinary catheter is in place in an inpatient location for >2 calendar days and then **removed/discontinued** – the device is eligible for event attribution if the date of event is on the date the device is discontinued or the next day.

Hospital Day	Notes from medical record	Device	
1 – Admission to inpatient location			
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indwelling urinary catheter inserted		
3			
4			
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urine culture = >100,00 E. coli• indwelling urinary catheter discontinued	Eligible	day discontinued or day after
6		Eligible	
7		Ineligible	

Determining Denominator Device Day Counts for a Location and Month (a.k.a. Denominator Data)

- Count all devices present at the time of the count
 - Central lines are counted regardless of whether it is accessed; this simplifies the counting of central line days
- Includes urinary catheters, ventilators, and central lines

Hospital Day	Note from medical record	Device Association	Denominator Device Day Count
	Pt admitted with central line in place (not-accessed)	Ineligible for CLABSI	N/A
1 – Admission to inpatient location		Ineligible for CLABSI	1
2		Ineligible for CLABSI	2
3		Ineligible for CLABSI	3
4		Ineligible for CLABSI	4
5	Central line accessed	Eligible for CLABSI	5
6		Eligible for CLABSI	6

Transfer Rule

If the date of event is the day of transfer or discharge, or the next day, the infection is attributed to the transferring location.

Otherwise, the infection is attributed to the location in which the patient is housed on the date of event.

Date	Patient Location	Location of Attribution
1/18	5 East	
1/20	5 East 7 South	
1/21	7 South	5 East
1/22	7 South	

A blue arrow labeled "Date of Event" points to the 1/21 row. A red curved arrow points from the "5 East" location in the 1/20 row to the "7 South" location in the 1/21 row.

The Transfer Rule addresses the issue of incubation of infection.

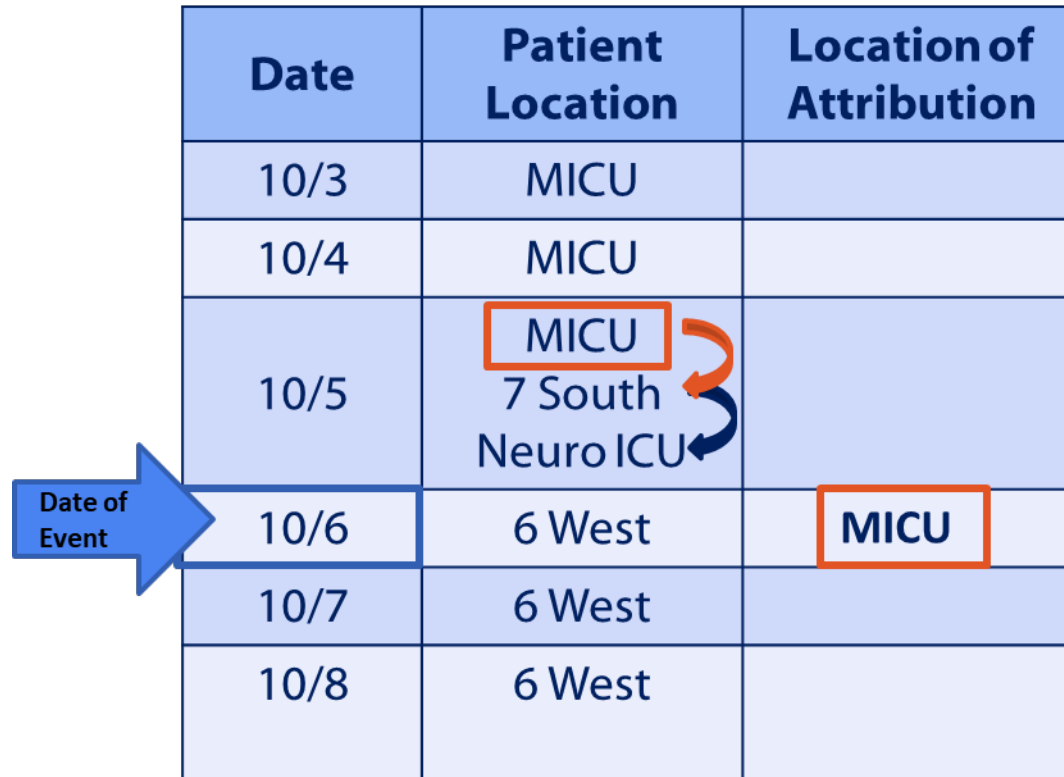
Transfer Between Multiple Locations

- Attribute the infection to the *first* location in which the patient was housed on the day before the day of event
- This provides the longest incubation time during the Transfer Rule period

Transfer Rule – Examples

Date	Patient Location	Location of Attribution
10/3	MICU	
10/4	MICU	
10/5	MICU 7 South Neuro ICU	
10/6	6 West	MICU
10/7	6 West	
10/8	6 West	

Date of Event →



Repeat Infection Timeframe (RIT)

- 14-day time period during which no new infections of the same type are reported
 - Endocarditis (ENDO) is extended to include the remainder of the patient's current admission.
- Day 1 of the RIT is the date of event
- If a subsequent infection of the same type occurs within this 14-day time frame
 - Do not report a new event
 - Additional pathogens identified are added to the original event

**Date
of
event**

Hospital Day	SUTI Criterion
8	indwelling catheter inserted
9	indwelling catheter in-place
10	indwelling catheter in-place
11	Temp = 100.5°F; indwelling catheter in-place
12	Temp = 101.1°F; indwelling catheter in-place
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> indwelling catheter in-place
14	indwelling catheter in-place
15	
16	
17	
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21	
22	
23	
24	

**14-Day UTI
Repeat
Infection
Timeframe
(RIT)**

**Date of event:
Symptomatic UTI (SUTI)
not catheter associated**

**14-Day UTI
Repeat
Infection
Timeframe
(RIT)**

Hospital Day	SUTI Criterion
8	
9	
10	
11	Temp = 101°F
12	Temp = 100.8°F
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
14	
15	indwelling catheter inserted
16	indwelling catheter in-place
17	indwelling catheter in-place
18	indwelling catheter in-place
19	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml <i>E. coli</i> indwelling catheter in-place
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No change in date of event• No new RIT is established• Event designation does not change to catheter associated (CAUTI)• <i>E. coli</i> is added as a pathogen to the UTI event
21	
22	
23	
24	

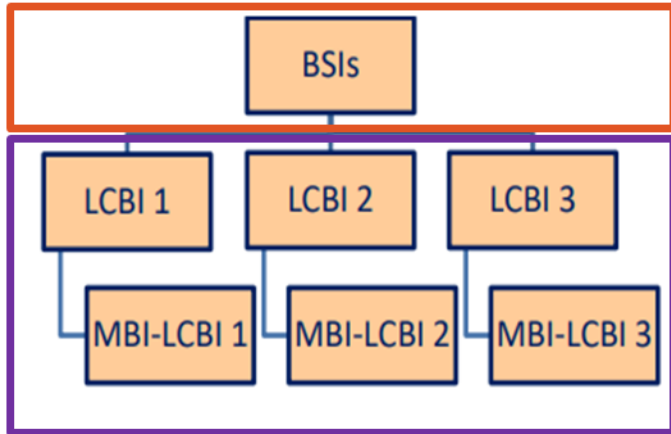
Repeat Infection Timeframe (RIT)

- The RIT will apply at the level of specific type of infection, meaning a patient will have no more than specific type during the RIT.
 - Exception for Bloodstream Infection (BSI), Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) and Pneumonia (PNEU) – the RIT will apply at the major type of infection.

During the RIT a patient will have:

- No more than one BONE infection (specific type) but may have another BJ-Bone & Joint Infection (major type) during an RIT.
- No more than one BSI (major type). Examples of specific types are LCBI1, LCBI2, and MBI-LCBI1.
- No more than one UTI (major type). Examples of specific types are SUTI and ABUTI.
- No more than one PNEU (major type). Examples of specific types are PNU1, PNU2, and PNU3.

Example of Major vs Specific Infection Type



Major type

Specific type

BJ – Bone and Joint Infection

BONE – Osteomyelitis ←

DISC – Disc space infection

JNT – Joint or bursa infection

PJI – Periprosthetic Joint Infection

Repeat Infection Timeframe (RIT)

- The RIT applies during a patient's single admission, including the day of discharge and the day after
 - In other words, the RIT does not carry over from one admission to another, even if readmission is to the same facility.

Secondary Bloodstream Infection (BSI) Attribution Period (SBAP)

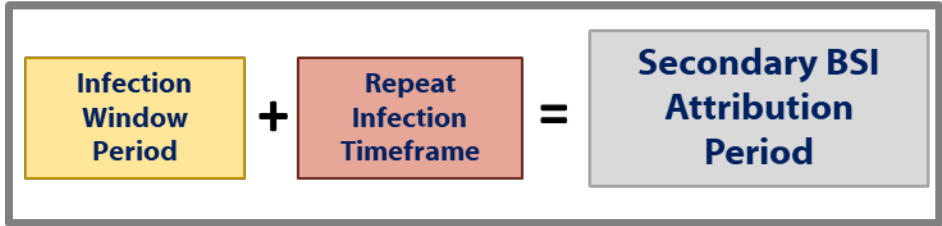
- The period in which a positive blood specimen must be collected to be considered a secondary bloodstream infection to a primary site infection when matching a primary site organism.
- Infection Window Period plus the Repeat Infection Timeframe (RIT).
- 14 – 17 days duration depending on where the date of event falls within the IWP.

NOTE: A primary BSI will not have a Secondary BSI Attribution Period

#1 Example of SBAP

Date of event

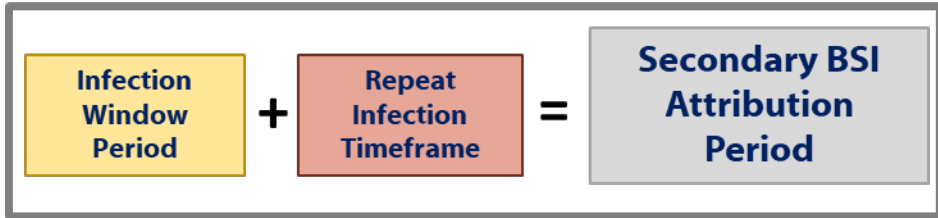
Hospital Day	SUTI Criterion
9	
10	Temp = 101.5° F
11	
12	Temp = 102.1° F
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>E.coli</i>
14	
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22	
23	
24	



14 days

#2 Example of SBAP

Date of event



17 days

Hospital Day	SUTI Criterion
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, E. coli; costovertebral angle pain
14	Temp = 102.1° F
15	
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25	
26	

When more than one criterion is met

- Always use the **earliest** date of event as well the related RIT and secondary BSI attribution period
- May be the difference between a POA vs HAI event

DAY	JNT Criteria 1	JNT Criteria 3c	DAY
Adm 1	Fever 100.7° F hip pain; limited hip mobility; Blood culture: <i>Staph. aureus</i>		Adm 1
2	DOE		2
3			3
3	Aspirated joint fluid: <i>Staph. aureus</i>		4
5	INCORRECT		5
			6
			7
			8
9			9
10			10
11	HAI	POA	11
12			12
13			13
14			14
15			15
16			16

Endocarditis (ENDO) - A Unique Infection

- IWP = 21 days duration
 - the collection date of the first positive diagnostic test that is used as an element to meet the site-specific infection criterion,
 - the 10-calendar days before, and
 - the 10-calendar days after
- RIT = the remainder of the patient's admission
- SBAP = the 21-day infection window period and all subsequent days of the patient's current admission
 - limited to organism(s) identified in blood specimen that match the organism(s) used to meet the ENDO definition.

Example of Endocarditis (ENDO)

Date of event

Date	Details	IWP	ENDO RIT	SBAP
1	Adm			
2	Central line inserted			
3				
4		1		
5		2		
6		3		
7		4		
8		5		
9		6		
10		7		
11		8		
12		9		
13		10		
14	Blood culture: <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> & <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> fever hypotension	11		
15		12		
16	Blood culture: <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> & <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> TTE: "Aortic valve with obvious mobile echodensity. Considering patient's history high suspicion for vegetation".	13		
17	Continue IV antibiotic probable endocarditis	14		
18		15		
19		16		
20		17		
21		18		
22		19		
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28				
29	Patient discharged on home health for IV antibiotic			

Secondary Bloodstream Infection (BSI) Rules

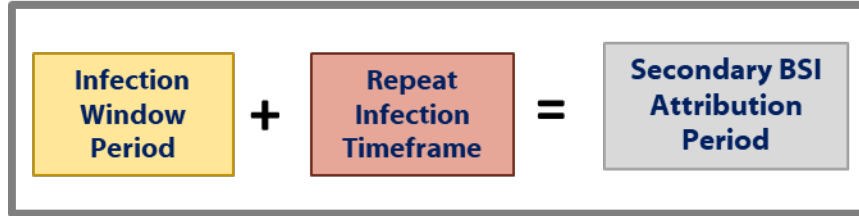
Secondary bloodstream infections may be attributed to a primary-site of infection during the Secondary BSI Attribution Period (SBAP) if they meet one of 2 requirements of the Secondary BSI Guide (Appendix 1)

1. Blood organism **matches at least one organism** found in the site-specific infection specimen used to meet the primary-site infection criterion

OR

2. The organism identified in the **blood specimen is an element** used to meet the primary-site infection criterion

Scenario 1: Matching Organisms



Date of event

Day	SUTI Criterion
9	
10	
11	Temp = 101.5° F
12	Temp = 102.1° F
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	Blood culture: <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> , <i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	

15 days

SUTI with secondary BSI
Pathogens: *Klebsiella pneumoniae* & *Klebsiella oxytoca*
Date of Event: Day 11

What does it mean for a blood specimen to be an element of the criteria?

JNT-Joint or bursa infection (not for use as Organ/Space SSI after HPRO or KPRO procedures)

Joint or bursa infections must meet at least **one** of the following criteria:

1. Patient has organism(s) identified from joint fluid or synovial biopsy by culture or non-culture based microbiologic testing method which is performed for purposes of clinical diagnosis and treatment, for example, not Active Surveillance Culture/Testing (ASC/AST).
2. Patient has evidence of joint or bursa infection on gross anatomic or histopathologic examination.
3. Patient has at least two of the following signs or symptoms: swelling*, pain* or tenderness*, evidence of effusion*, or limitation of motion*.

And at least **one** of the following:

- a. elevated joint fluid white blood cell count (per reporting laboratory's reference range) and positive leukocyte esterase test strip of joint fluid.
- b. organism(s) and white blood cells seen on Gram stain of joint fluid.
- c. **organism(s) identified from blood** by culture or non-culture based microbiologic testing method which is performed for purposes of clinical diagnosis and treatment, for example, not Active Surveillance Culture/Testing (ASC/AST).
- d. imaging test evidence suggestive of infection (for example, x-ray, CT scan, MRI, radionuclide scan [gallium, technetium, etc.]), which if equivocal is supported by clinical correlation, physician documentation of antimicrobial treatment for joint or bursa infection.

* With no other recognized cause

Reporting Instruction

- If a patient meets both organ space JNT and BONE report the SSI as BONE.

OREP- Deep pelvic tissue infection or other infection of the male or female reproductive tract (for example, epididymis, testes, prostate, vagina, ovaries, uterus) including chorioamnionitis, but excluding vaginitis, endometritis or vaginal cuff infections

Other infections of the male or female reproductive tract must meet at least **one** of the following criteria:

1. Patient has organism(s) identified from tissue or fluid from affected site (excludes urine and vaginal swabs) by a culture or non-culture based microbiologic testing method which is performed for purposes of clinical diagnosis or treatment, for example, not Active Surveillance Culture/Testing (ASC/AST).
2. Patient has an abscess or other evidence of infection of affected site on gross anatomic or histopathologic exam.
3. Patient has **suspected infection** of one of the listed OREP sites and **two** of the following localized signs or symptoms: fever (>38.0°C), nausea*, vomiting*, pain or tenderness*, or dysuria*

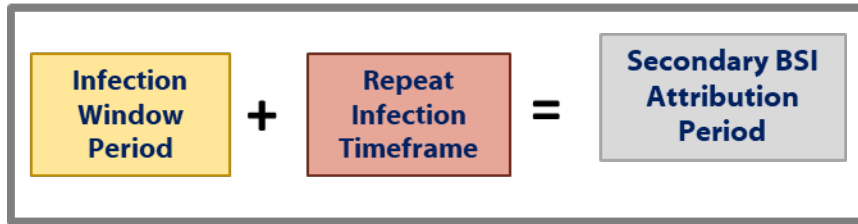
And at least **one** of the following:

- a. **organism(s) identified from blood** by a culture or non-culture based microbiologic testing method which is performed for purposes of clinical diagnosis or treatment, for example, not Active Surveillance Culture/Testing (ASC/AST).
- b. physician initiates antimicrobial therapy within **two** days of onset or worsening of symptoms.

* With no other recognized cause

Scenario 2:

Blood Specimen is an Element



Patient meets OREP criterion 3a where a positive blood culture is an element of the criterion.

Date of event

15 days

Day	OREP Criterion
9	
10	
11	
12	Abdominal tenderness, fever
13	Blood Culture: <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	OREP with secondary BSI Pathogen: <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> Date of Event: Day 12
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	

How to Assign Pathogens Associated with Site-specific Infections That are Identified During the:

- Repeat infection timeframe (RIT)
- Secondary BSI attribution period (SBAP)

Assignment of Organisms During the RIT

- Additional eligible pathogens identified from same type of infection within a Repeat Infection Timeframe are added to the event
- No need to determine that infection criteria are met

Assignment of Organisms in Blood During an SBAP

- At least 1 matching pathogen to the organism from a specimen (site-specific or blood) that was used to meet a site-specific infection criterion
 - Eligible BSI pathogens are also considered secondary to the event
- Pathogen exclusions for specific infection definitions (such as yeast in UTI) also apply to secondary bloodstream infection pathogen assignment
 - Excluded pathogens must be attributed to another primary site-specific infection as either a secondary BSI or identified as a primary BSI

Pathogen Assignment During RIT & SBAP

DAY	SUTI Criterion	LCBI Criterion	DAY	
1 Adm				
9		LCBI Pathogen: <i>C. albicans</i> (excluded UTI pathogen) Date of Event: Day14		
10				
11	Temp = 101.5° F			
12	Temp = 102.1° F			12
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>E. coli</i>		13	
14	Blood culture: <i>E. coli</i> & <i>C. albicans</i>	Blood culture: <i>C. albicans</i>	14	
15			15	
16			16	
17			17	
18	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp.		18	
19			19	
20			20	
21			21	
22		SUTI with Secondary BSI Pathogen: <i>E. coli</i> & <i>Enterococcus</i> Date of Event: Day 11	22	
23			23	
24			24	
25			25	
26-27			26-27	

Secondary BSI Attribution Period

14-day BSI RIT

Assignment of Organisms Continued

- A BSI pathogen may be reported for more than one infection source

Example 1:

- Assigned as a secondary BSI pathogen to different primary site infections (such as UTI and IAB)

DAY	SUTI Criterion	IAB Criterion	DAY
8			8
9		Temp = 101.5 Abdominal pain	9
10			10
11	Temp = 101.5° F	CT guided drainage of abdominal fluid collection: <i>E.coli</i>	11
12	Temp = 102.1° F		12
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>E. coli</i>		13
14			14
15			15
16			16
17	Blood culture: <i>E.coli</i>	Blood culture: <i>E.coli</i>	17
18			18
19			19
20			20
21			21
22			22
23			23
24			24

IAB (non-surgical) with Secondary BSI
Pathogen: E. coli
Date of Event: Day 9

SUTI with Secondary BSI
Pathogen: E. coli
Date of Event: Day 11

Secondary BSI Attribution Period

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Organism Assignment

- BSI organisms may be assigned to more than one infection source

Example 2

- Assigned as a secondary BSI organism to a site-specific infection (e.g., UTI) and assigned as an **additional** organism to a primary BSI event

DAY	SUTI Criterion	LCBI Criterion	DAY
8			8
9		Blood culture: <i>Staph aureus</i>	9
10			10
11	Temp = 101.5° F	LCBI Pathogen: <i>Staph aureus</i> & <i>E. coli</i> Date of Event: Day 9	
12	Temp = 102.1° F		
13	Urine culture: >100,000 CFU/ml, <i>E. coli</i>		
14			14
15			15
16			16
17	Blood culture: <i>E. coli</i>	Blood culture: <i>E. coli</i>	17
18			18
19			19
20			20
21	SUTI with Secondary BSI		21
22	Pathogen: <i>E. coli</i>		22
23	Date of Event: day 11		23
24			24

Secondary BSI Attribution Period

14-day BSI RIT

Resources

- Chapter 2 - “Identifying Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI) for NHSN Surveillance”: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/pscmanual/2psc_identifyinghais_nhsncurrent.pdf
- Quick Learn Videos: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training/patient-safety-component/index.html>
- Miscellaneous Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/faqs/faqs-miscellaneous.html>
- NHSN@cdc.gov

Summary

- Basic rules apply for identifying device-associated events (other than LabID, SSI, VAE)
 - Infection Window Period (IWP)
 - Date of Event (DOE)
 - Repeat Infection Timeframe (RIT)
 - Secondary BSI Attribution Period (SBAP)
- Pathogen assignment
 - Add on if in RIT, if not an excluded organism
 - Organism may be added to more than 1 event


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We strongly recommend participants review or reference the website and NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual Device-Associated Module for information that may be needed to answer the case study questions. The website links are <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/> and <https://www.ahrq.gov/npsa/patient-safety/components/>.

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