

Tennessee Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Reporting Requirements for Clostridium difficile

Clostridium difficile or *Clostridium difficile* infections (CDI) have been increasing in the community and healthcare facilities, especially over the last few years. Treatment of patients with CDI is often challenging, and infections can be severe and life threatening. Since July 1, 2010, The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) has required certain facilities to report all positive *C. difficile* laboratory assays for inpatients facility-wide* (with some exclusions) and for emergency departments. As of July 2012, all hospitals, regardless of average daily census (ADC), are required to report these events. Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities have been required to report since January 2015. Monthly reporting of numerator and denominator data is ongoing in each location type unless otherwise specified. Additional reporting requirements exist for CDI related to the Emerging Infections Program; however, those requirements are not covered here. For details on *C. difficile* reporting requirements for HAI surveillance, please see the information provided below.

Who needs to report?

Beginning July 1, 2012:

- All hospitals, regardless of average daily census (*excludes critical access hospitals*)
- Long-term acute care hospitals (LTACs) (*have been reporting since July 1, 2010*)

Beginning January 1, 2015:

- All inpatient rehabilitation facilities

What is reported?

Numerator Data

All non-duplicate *C. difficile*-positive laboratory assays (Laboratory-identified (LabID) events) as defined in CDC/NHSN Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO) protocol. Non-duplicate is defined as no previous positive within the last 14 days in the same physical location within the reporting facility.

Denominator Data

- Patient days* (inpatient locations)
- Number of admissions* (inpatient locations)
- Number of encounters (Emergency departments and observation locations)

Which units are included?	<i>Acute Care Hospitals:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facility-wide, all inpatient locations*• Emergency Department• 24-hour Observation locations <i>Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and LTACs:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facility-wide, all inpatient locations
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How is it reported?	Using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) web application
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**Excludes infant locations, including neonatal intensive care units, well baby nurseries and well baby clinics*

For more information:

Contact the Tennessee Department of Health, Communicable and Environmental Diseases and Emergency Preparedness, Healthcare-Associated Infections program at HAi.health@tn.gov or (615) 741-7247.

NHSN MDRO/CDI Module	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/enrolled-facilities/index.html
MDRO/CDI NHSN Protocol	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/pscmanual/12pscmdro_cdadcurrent.pdf
MDRO/CDI NHSN Protocol Training	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/cdiff-mrsa/index.html
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