



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), will be required to report these events. Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities are required to report beginning 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?	<p>Beginning July 1, 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All hospitals, regardless of ADC (<i>critical access hospitals excluded</i>) All LTACs (<i>have been reporting since July 1, 2010</i>) <p>Beginning January 1, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
What is reported?	<p><i>Numerator Data</i> All non-duplicate <i>C. difficile</i>-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 at the reporting facility.</p> <p><i>Monthly Denominator Data</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient days* Number of admissions* Number of emergency department encounters
Which units are included?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility-wide*, inpatient (FACWIDEIN) Emergency department
How is it reported?	Using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) web application

*Exclude neonatal intensive care unit, well baby nurseries, well baby clinics

For more information:

Contact the Tennessee Department of Health, Communicable and Environmental Disease Services, Healthcare-Associated Infections program at (615) 741-7247.

NHSN MDRO/CDAD Module	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/mdro_cdad.html
MDRO/CDAD I NHSN Protocol	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/12pscMDRO_CDADcurrent.pdf
MDRO/CDAD NHSN Protocol Training	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/wc_MDRO_CDAD_ISlabID.html
MDRO/CDAD Forms – Numerator	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57.128_LabIDEvent_BLANK.pdf Specimen Body Site/System code: DIGEST; Specimen Source code: STOOL
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