



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS AND ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE PROGRAM
Surveillance Definitions



SYSTEMIC INFECTION (SYS)

DI – Disseminated Infection
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DEFINITION: Disseminated infection is infection involving multiple organs or systems, without an apparent single site of infection, usually of viral origin, and with signs or symptoms with no other recognized cause and compatible with infectious involvement of multiple organs or systems.

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS: *(Last updated June, 2008)*

- Use this code for viral infections involving multiple organ systems (e.g. measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, erythema infectiosum). These infections often can be identified by clinical criteria alone. Do not use this code for healthcare–associated infections with multiple metastatic sites, such as with bacterial endocarditis; only the primary site of these infections should be reported.
- Do not report fever of unknown origin (FUO) as DI.
- Report neonatal “sepsis” as CSEP.
- Report viral exanthems or rash illness as DI.