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Tuesday, February 20, 2024

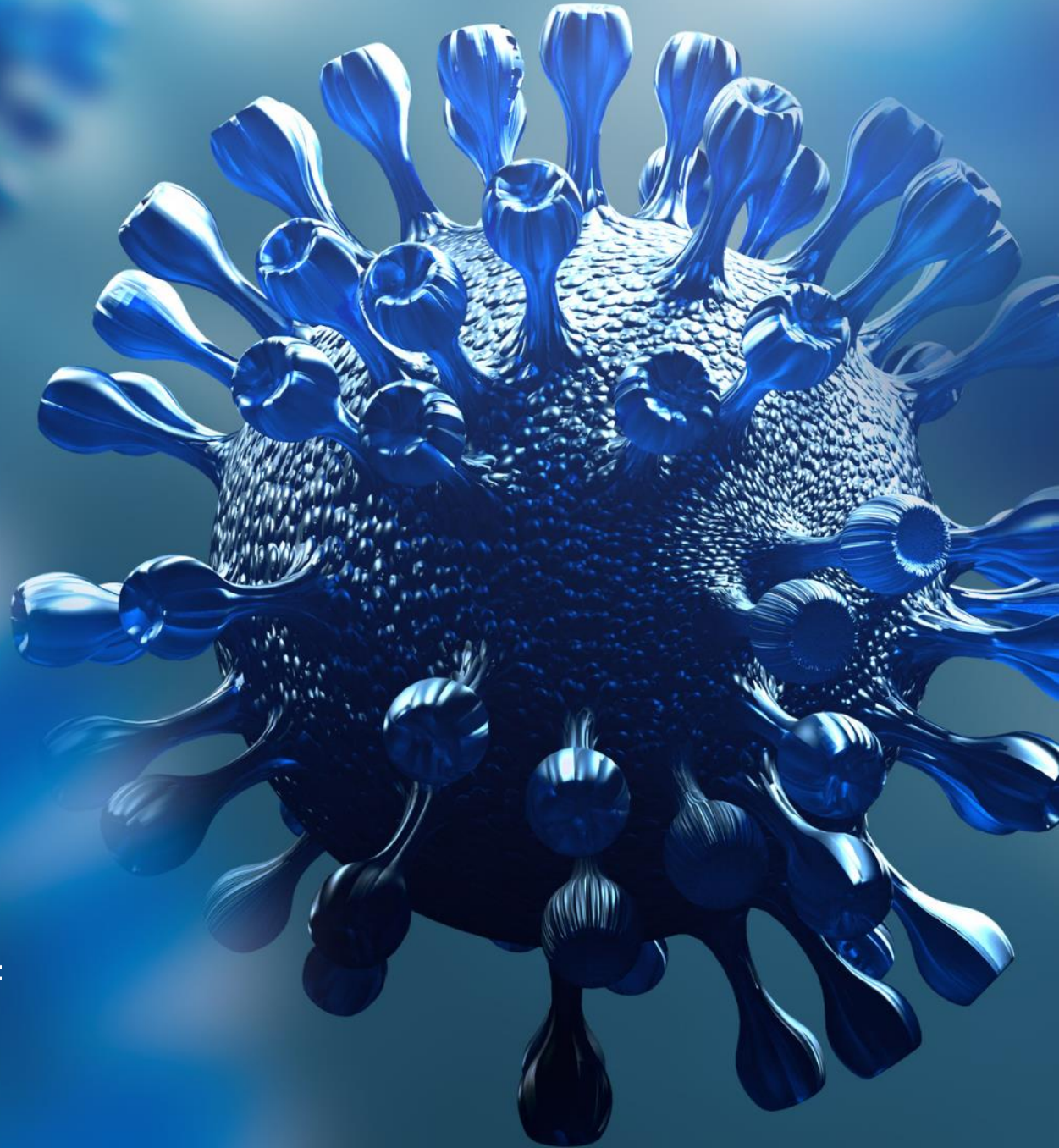
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 - Vicky Lindsey, RN, CIC
- **Congenital Syphilis and Syphilis**
 - Steffany Cavallo, MPH & Rebecca Moore, BSN, RN
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 - Alex Kurutz, MPH
- **NHSN Annual Training – VAE & PedVAE**
 - Marissa Turner, MPH

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Respiratory Illness Update



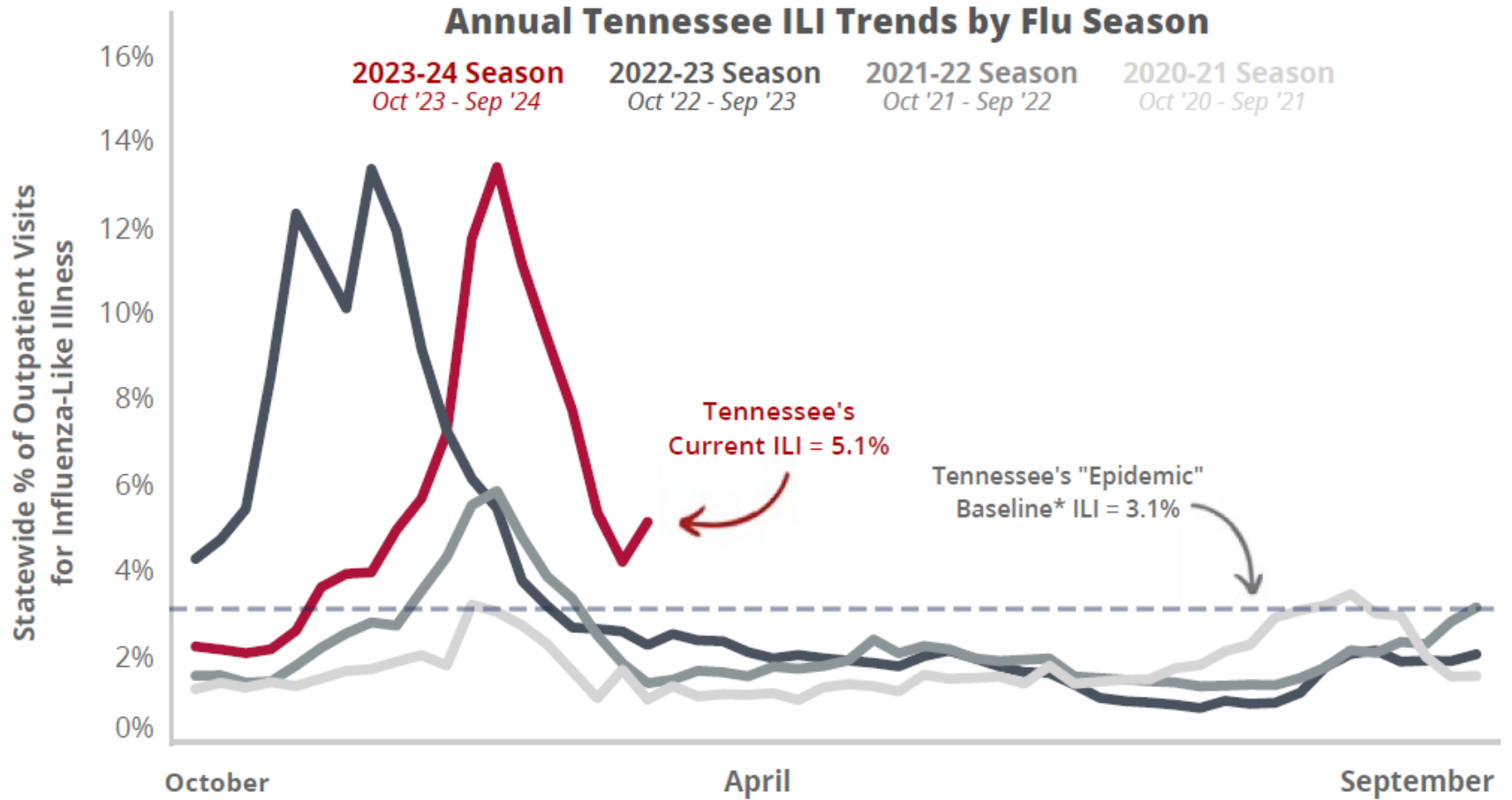
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Influenza in Tennessee Snapshot

| SURVEILLANCE INDICATOR | TREND | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | | | | | | |
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|  ILLNESS Percentage of outpatient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) | ▲ | 5.1% | 4.2% | | | | | | |
|  LABORATORY Percentage of positive specimens & predominant strain of influenza | ▼ | 7.0% Flu B | 14.4% Flu B | | | | | | |
|  OUTBREAKS 2 or more ill persons of a shared setting | | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1043 786 1503 833">NEWLY REPORTED</th> <th data-bbox="1520 786 1889 833">SEASON TOTAL</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1043 833 1503 872"><i>during week of February 4, 2024</i></td> <td data-bbox="1520 833 1889 872"><i>since October 1, 2023</i></td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1043 872 1503 919">2</td> <td data-bbox="1520 872 1889 919">10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | NEWLY REPORTED | SEASON TOTAL | <i>during week of February 4, 2024</i> | <i>since October 1, 2023</i> | 2 | 10 | |
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|  DEATHS Newly reported and season total pediatric influenza-associated deaths in TN | | 1 | 4 | | | | | | |

Influenza-Like Illness

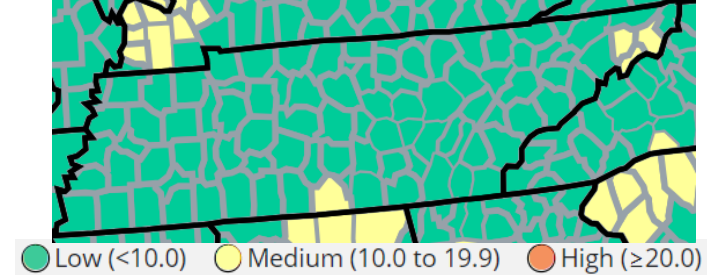


COVID-19 Trends in TN & US

- Tennessee

- New cases increased ▲
(total ~5660/week; ~3710 week prior)
- Hospitalizations decreased ▼
(328 – hospitalized; 367 – week prior)
- Deaths
(No new death totals to report)

New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population, past week (total)



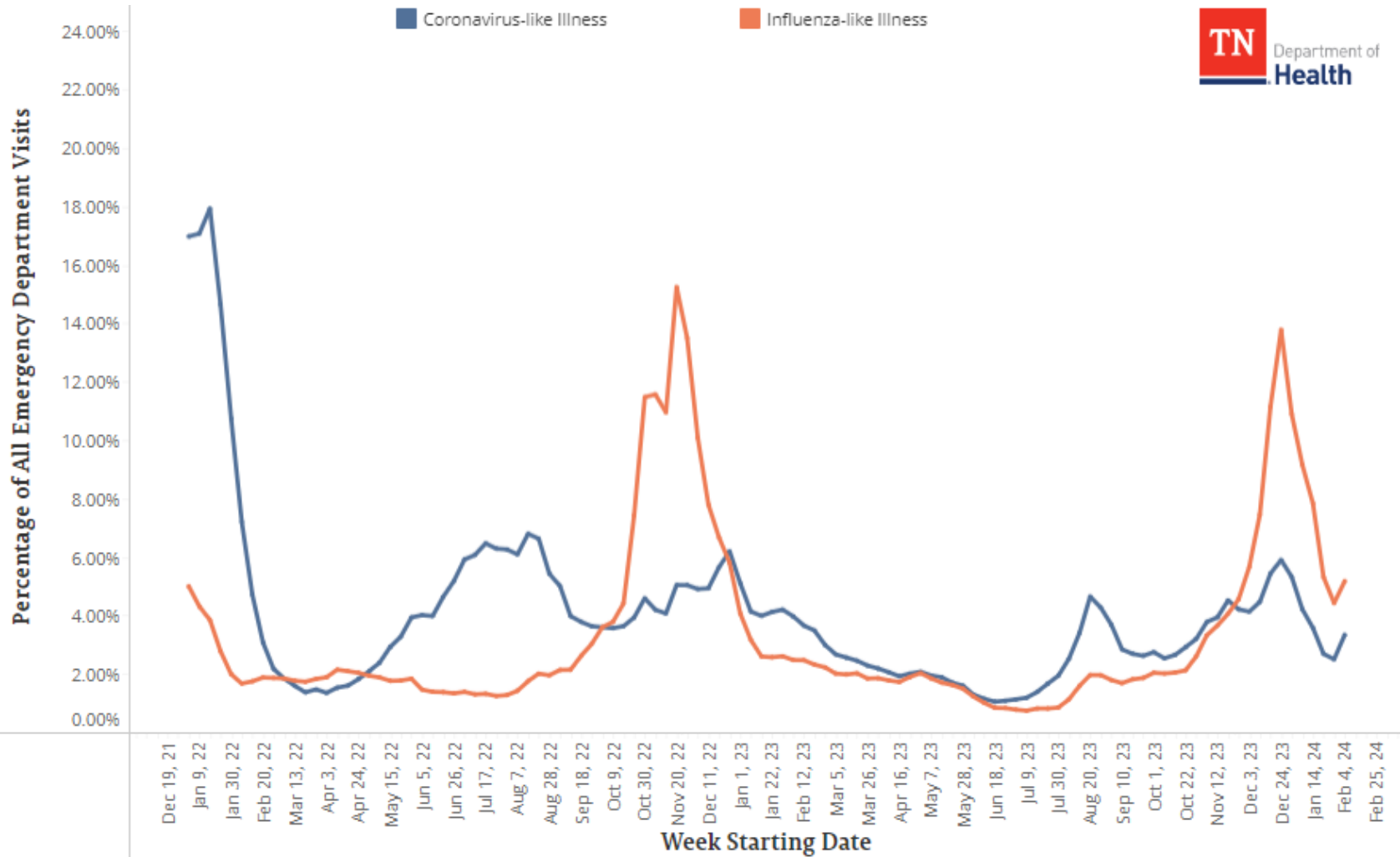
- U.S.A.

- New hospitalizations decreasing ▼
- Deaths slightly decreased ▼



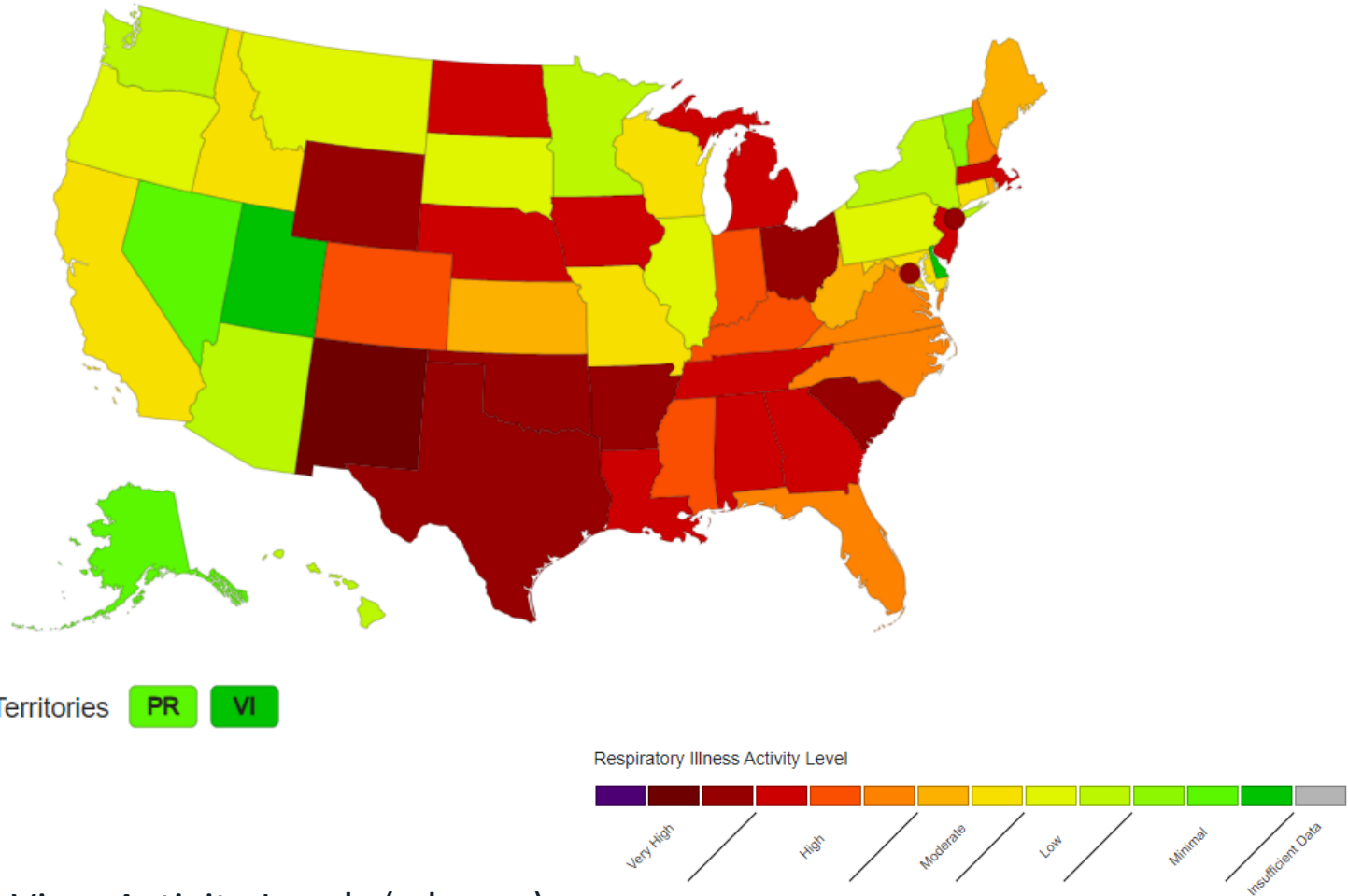
Syndromic Surveillance

Emergency Department Data of chief complaint and discharge diagnosis



Bottom Line

- **Respiratory Illness in Tennessee**
 - Respiratory virus activity in Tennessee is **High**



[Respiratory Virus Activity Levels \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory/illness-activity/)

CDC Resources

- [Resources to Prepare for Flu, COVID-19, and RSV | CDC](#)
- [Protect yourself from COVID-19, Flu, and RSV \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Weekly Viral Respiratory Illness Snapshot \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Choosing the Right PPE for COVID-19 | Project Firstline | Infection Control | CDC](#)
- [Infection Control: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\) | CDC](#)
- [CDC COVID Data Tracker: Vaccinations in Nursing Homes](#)



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NHSN Updates

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NHSN-PaTT Ask the Experts

- February 21, 2024

The graphic features the NHSN logo (National Healthcare Safety Network) with a computer monitor icon. Below it, the text reads 'PROTOCOL & TRAINING TEAM VIRTUAL TRAINING SERIES 2024'. A list of bullet points provides details about the webinars, including registration links, session duration, and audience. A table on the right lists the dates and topics of the webinars. The CDC logo is in the bottom left, and the text 'Webinars will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm EST Mark your calendars' is in the bottom right.

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**PROTOCOL & TRAINING TEAM
VIRTUAL TRAINING SERIES 2024**

- Upcoming webinar Zoom registration link is in the email.
- Sessions are 60 minutes
- No recordings for external use
- **Audience:**
 - Acute care or other short-term stay hospitals (for instance, general hospitals
 - Critical access hospitals, oncology hospitals, military/VA hospitals)
 - Long-term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACH), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF) & Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities (IPF).
 - OPC users – ASCs reporting SSI events.

| Date | Topic |
|---------------------------|---|
| February 21 st | Get Annual Training Ready! |
| March 11 th | NHSN Annual Training Pre-Recorded Sessions Open |
| March 18 th | NHSN Annual Training Live Presentation Sessions Open |
| April 17 th | TBD |

Webinars will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm EST
Mark your calendars

[Get Annual Training Ready!](#)

NHSN-Cloud Migration

- The DHQP Surveillance Branch is excited to announce that the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) application is expected to migrate to the CDC's Microsoft Azure cloud-based environment on February 24, 2024.
- Operating in a cloud-based environment will improve the NHSN experience for CDC, its partners, and reporting facilities. Some of the benefits include:
 - Faster processing speed for data reporting, analysis, and extraction
 - An improved user interface to enhance the user experience
 - A streamlined interface – fewer clicks to find information and essential screens

NHSN-Downtime

- The NHSN application will be offline beginning at **8pm ET on Friday, February 23 through Sunday February 25th** for a large system upgrade. Users will be unable to access NHSN during this time and should plan accordingly.
- Beginning Monday, February 26th at 8am, users will be able to access NHSN using the same login process and credentials you previously used.
- If you experience issues logging in on Monday morning, please contact the NHSN Help Desk in [ServiceNow](#) (accessed through your Secure Access Management System (SAMS) account) to submit a ticket, using the subject line “Post-Upgrade Login”.

NHSN Annual Survey

- Deadline to complete survey March 1, 2024.
- Guidance document on how to add an annual survey.
 - [Patient Safety Component - Annual Hospital Survey](#)
- The 2023 NHSN Acute Care Hospital Annual Survey will include several updates to the Sepsis Management and Practices section.
- There are also notable updates to the Facility Water Management Program and Facility Microbiology Laboratory Practices Sections across all PSC Surveys for 2023.

NHSN Annual Survey

- Acute care hospitals completing the 2023 Annual Hospital Survey will have the option to temporarily save an incomplete survey.
 - This functionality can be used when a user is unable to complete the entire NHSN survey in one sitting.
 - To locate an incomplete survey in NHSN, click “Surveys” > “Incomplete”, and select the 2023 annual survey.
 - Complete any additional data entry as needed and select “Submit” at the bottom of the page.
 - Incomplete survey data will not be included in SIR calculations.
- Saving an incomplete survey is currently not unavailable for the LTAC and IRF Annual Surveys but will be available in the future.



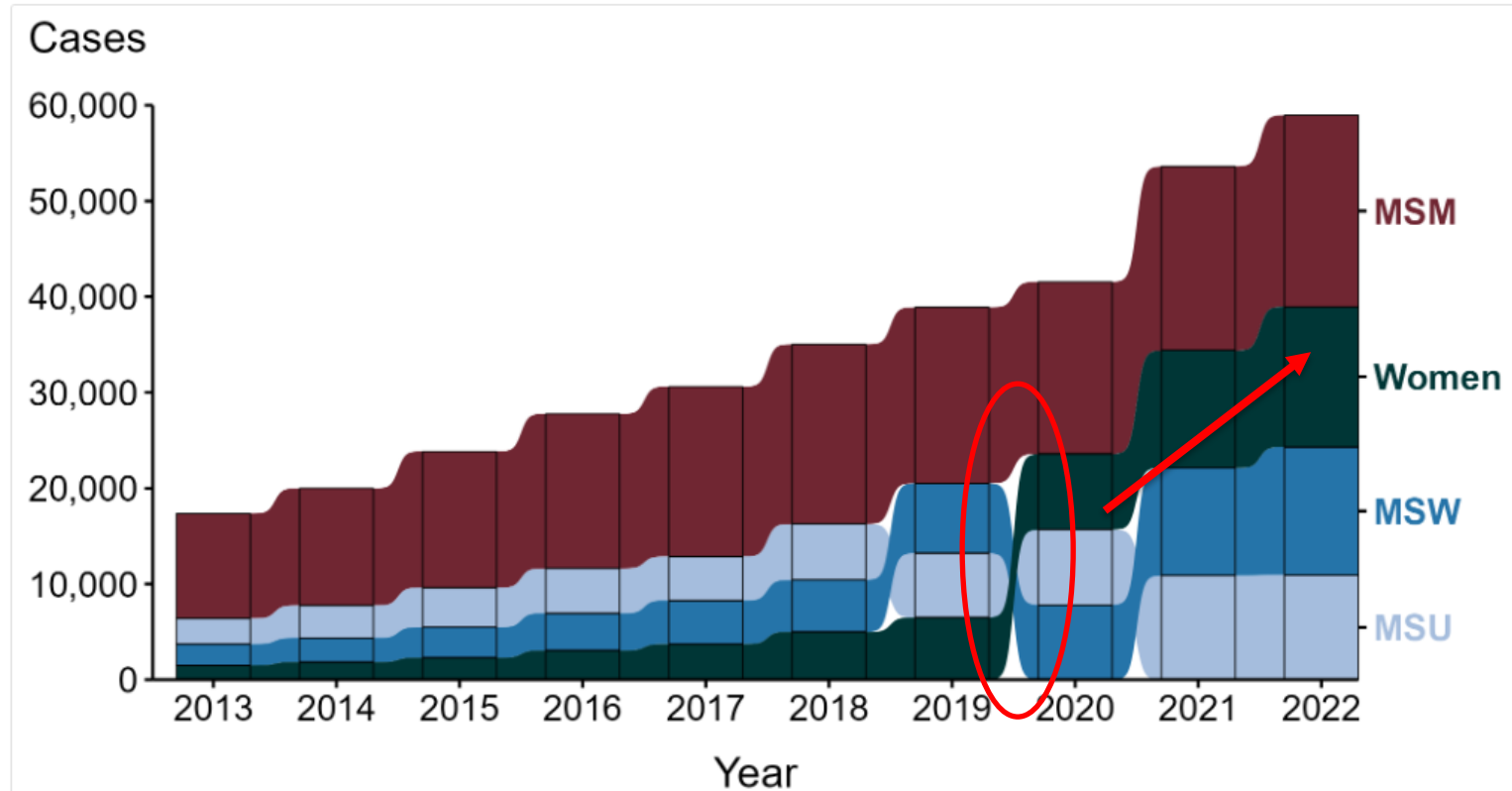
Increasing Syphilis Rates

Raising Awareness Can Help Reverse The Upward Trend

Syphilis Rates In United States

Primary and Secondary Syphilis — Reported Cases by Sex and Sex of Sex Partners, United States, 2013–2022

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[PNG - 128 KB]

* Per 100,000

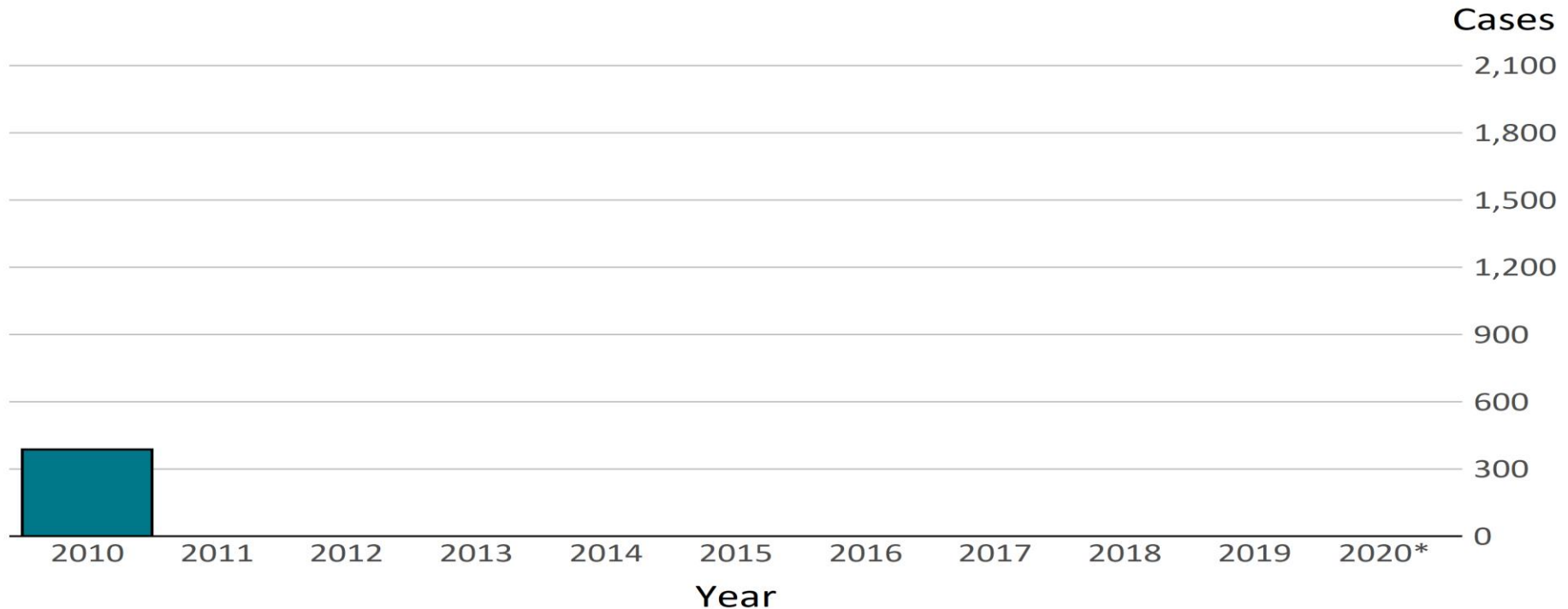
ACRONYMS: AI/AN = American Indian or Alaska Native; Black/AA = Black or African American; NH/PI = Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

<https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/charts.html>



Congenital Syphilis Trends — Reported Cases by Year of Birth, United States, 2010–2020*

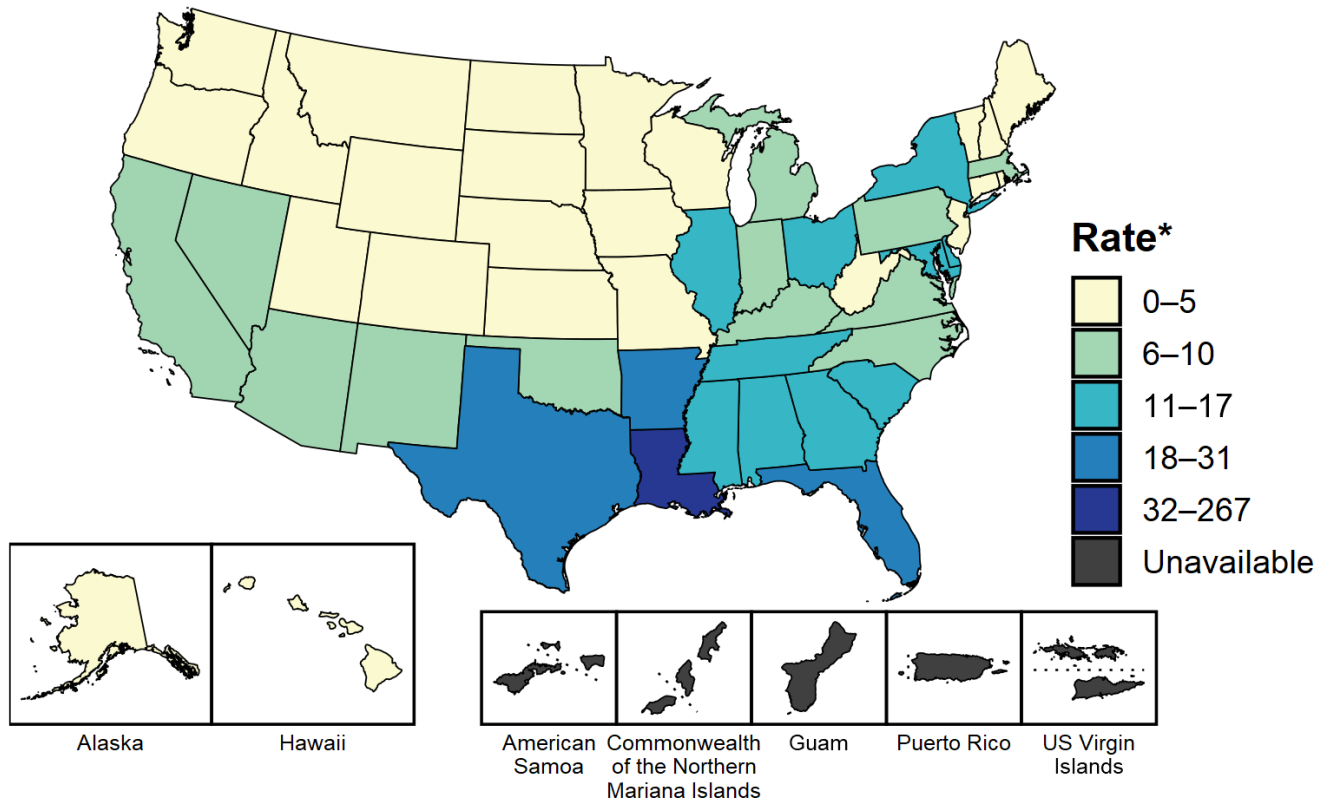
Over 2,020 infants born in 2020 have already been reported as cases of congenital syphilis,* and this may increase to 2,100 before reporting closes.



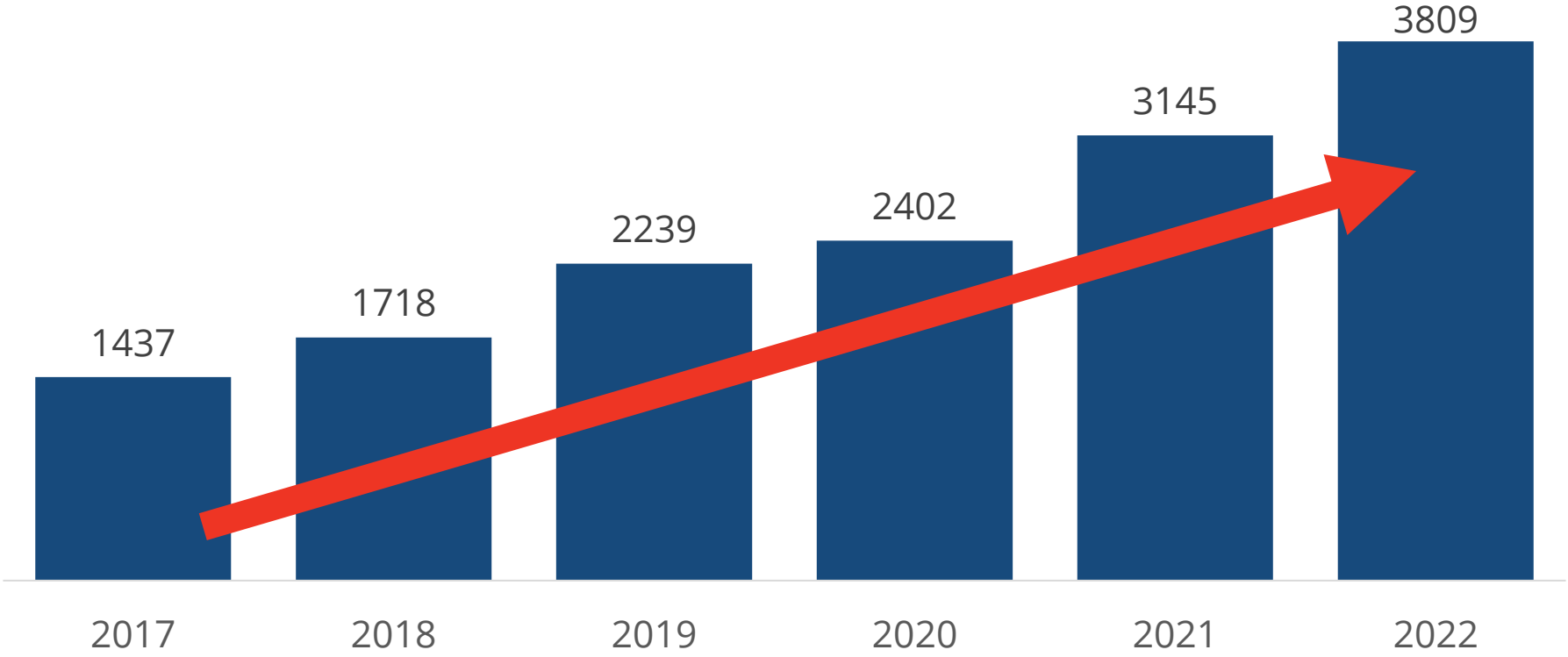
* Reported and projected 2020 congenital syphilis data are preliminary as of July 29, 2021.

Congenital Syphilis – reported cases by state 2012 - 2021

2012

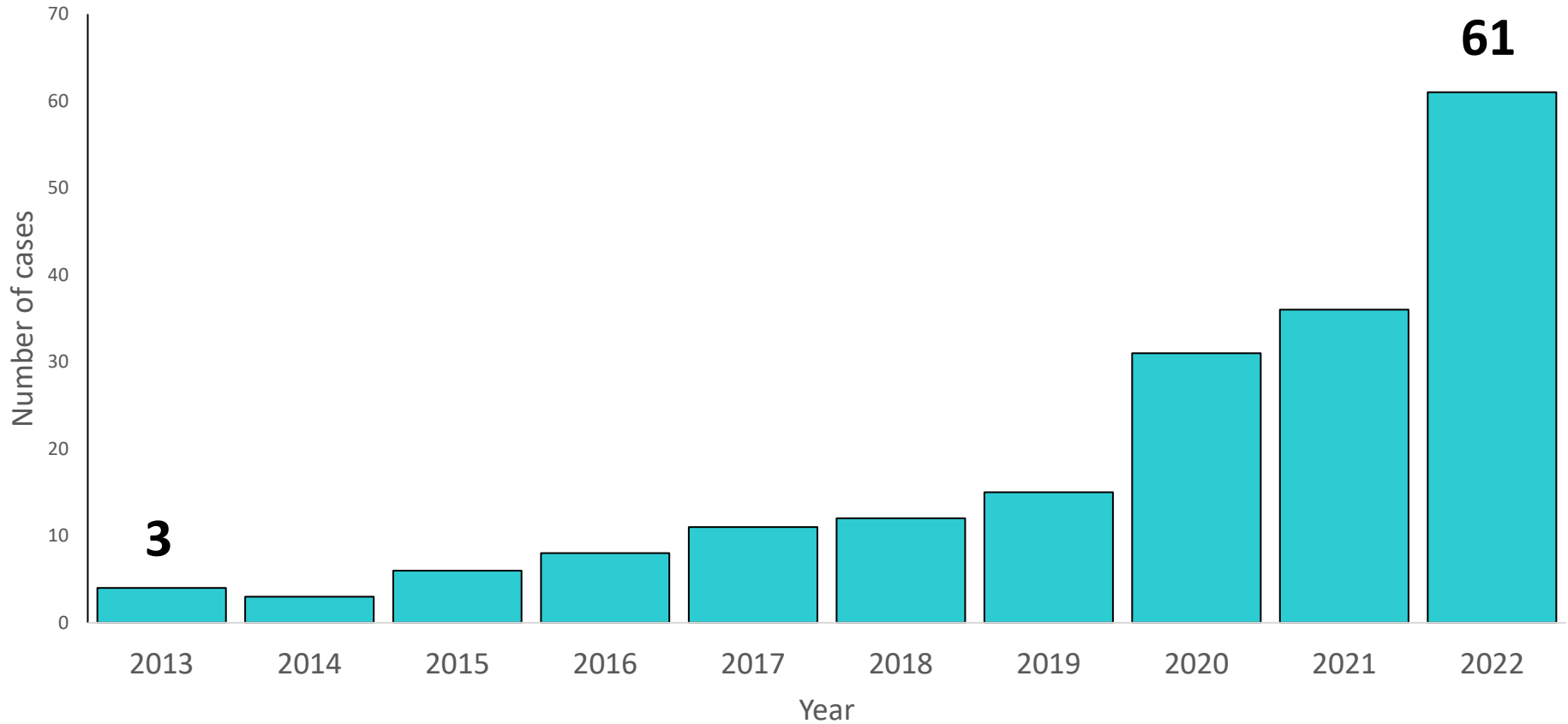


Syphilis (all stages) in TN, 2017-2022



Source: Patient Reporting Investigation Surveillance Manager (PRISM), 2017-2022.

Congenital Syphilis in Tennessee, 2013-2022

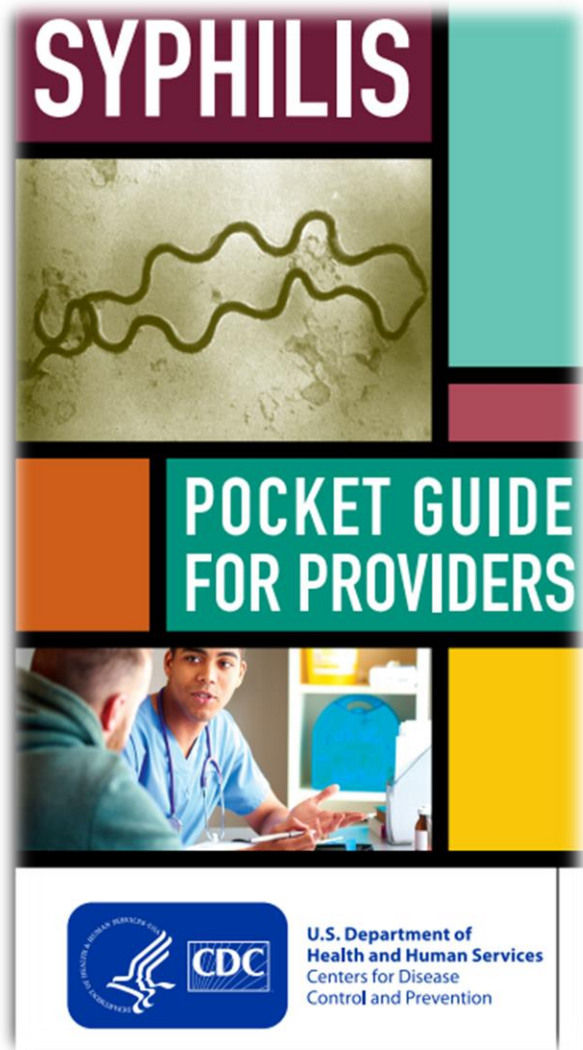




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Syphilis

Syphilis: Definition & Transmission



DEFINITION & TRANSMISSION

Syphilis is a systemic, sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by the *Treponema pallidum* bacterium.

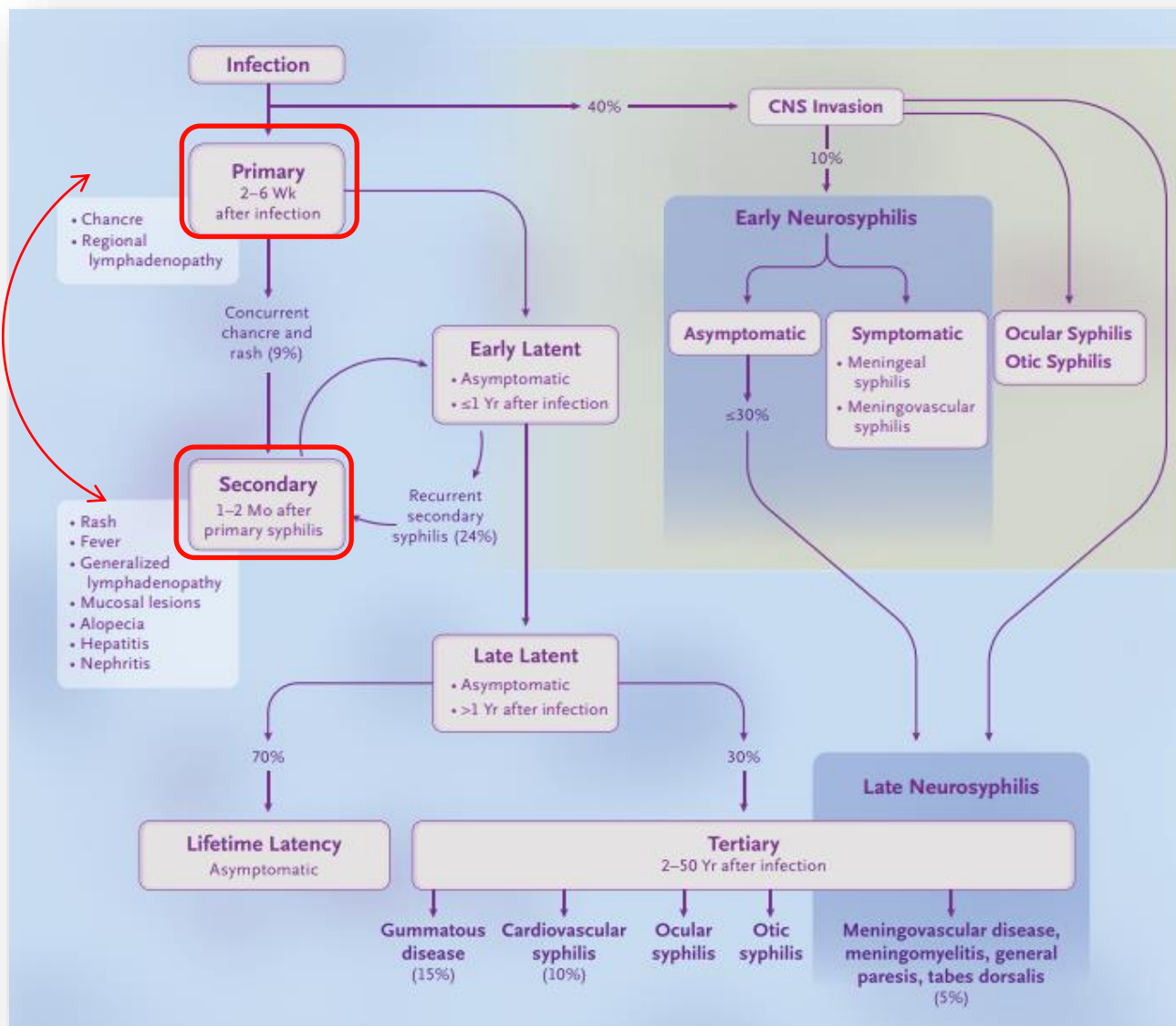
Syphilis Transmission

Two means of syphilis transmission: sexual and vertical

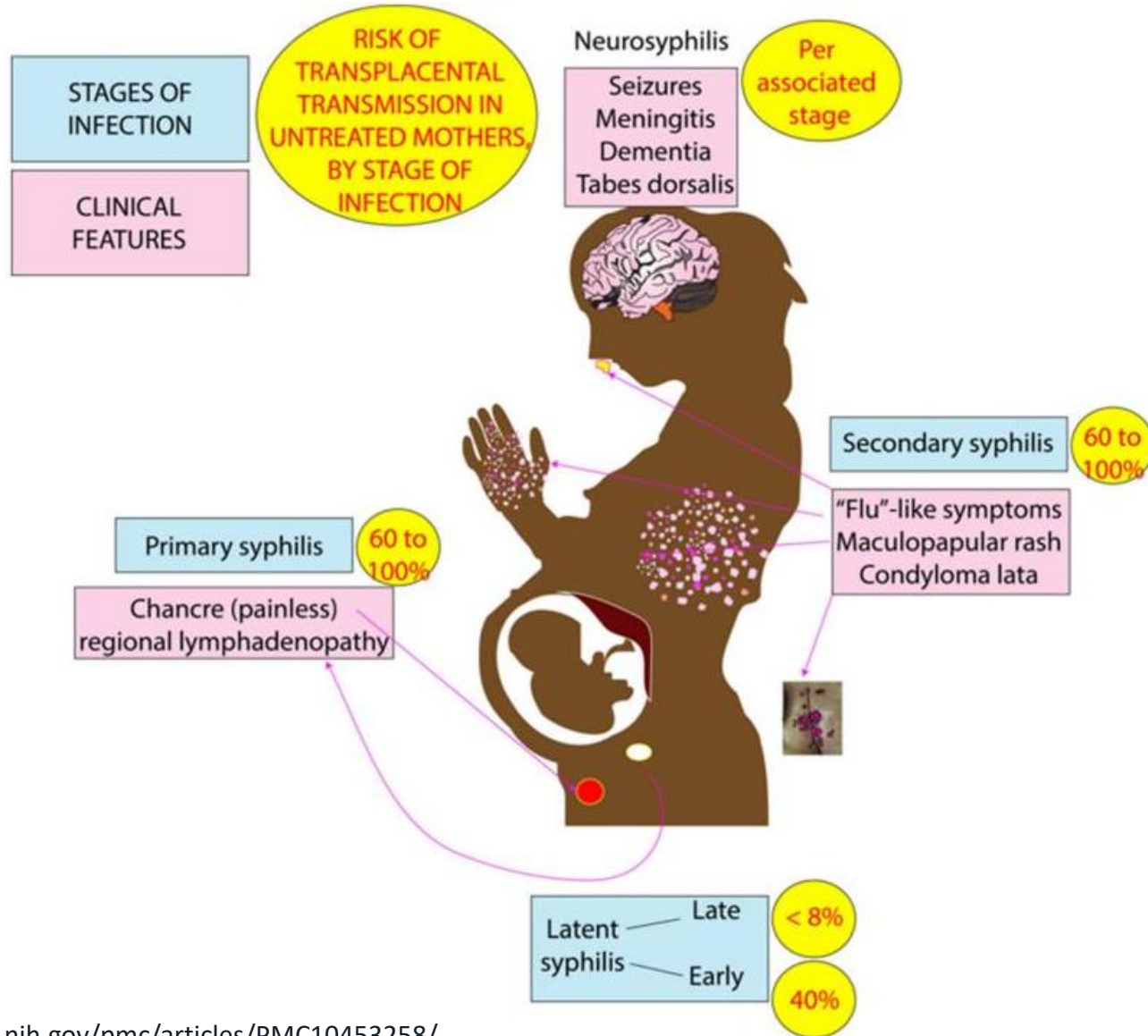
- Sexual: Person to person via vaginal, anal, or oral sex through direct contact with syphilis sores or lesions, known as a chancre. Chancres occur at the primary stage of syphilis and can be found around the external genitals or anus, in the vagina or rectum, or in or around the mouth.
- Sexual transmission also occurs at the secondary stage, mainly by direct contact with mucous membrane lesions such as condyloma lata and mucous patches.
- Vertical: From infected mother to her unborn baby via the bloodstream.

Natural Progression of Untreated Syphilis

Infectious



Syphilis During Pregnancy



Syphilis During Pregnancy – Birth Outcomes

Up to 40% of babies born to untreated mothers, may be stillborn or die from the infection as a newborn



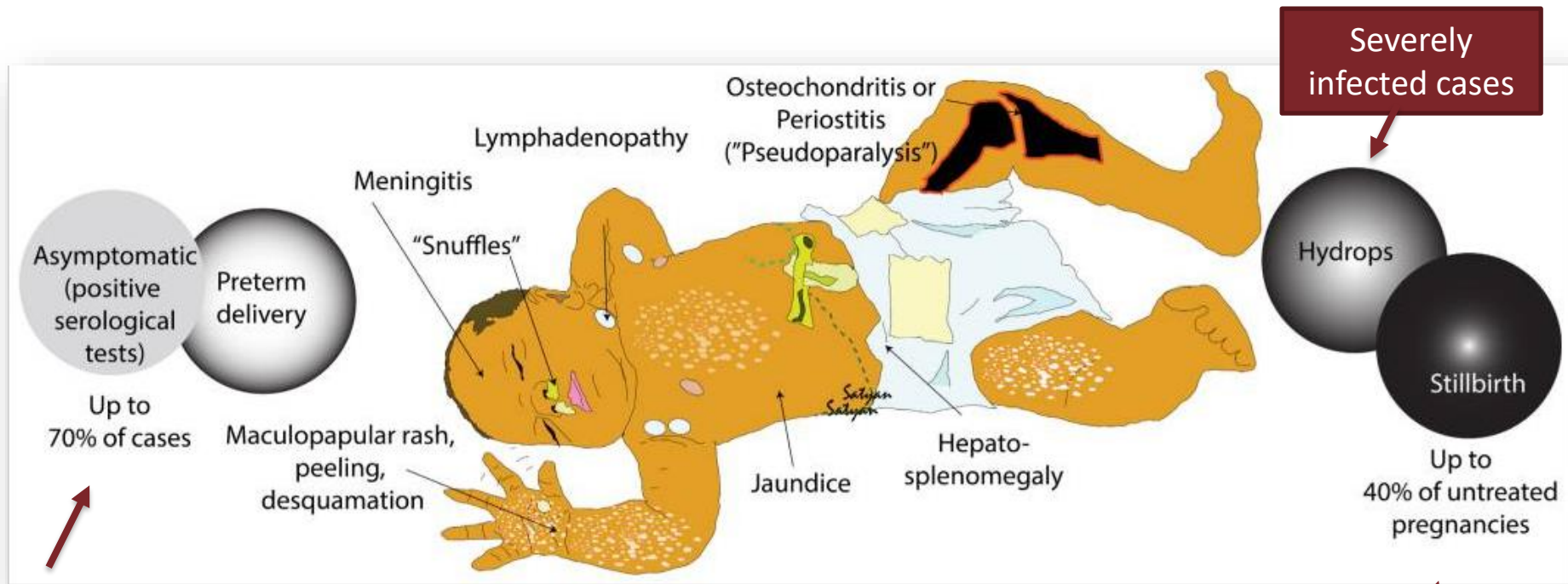
- Stillbirth
- Miscarriage
- Perinatal death
- Preterm delivery
- Low birth weight
- Congenital infection
 - Lifelong disabilities
 - Vision and hearing problems
 - Developmental delays
 - Bone abnormalities
 - Death

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10453258/>

Congenital Syphilis – Clinical Features

Clinical features vary – up to 70% asymptomatic

- Untreated asymptomatic infants with congenital syphilis infection may present with clinical features after 2 years of age, resulting in late congenital syphilis



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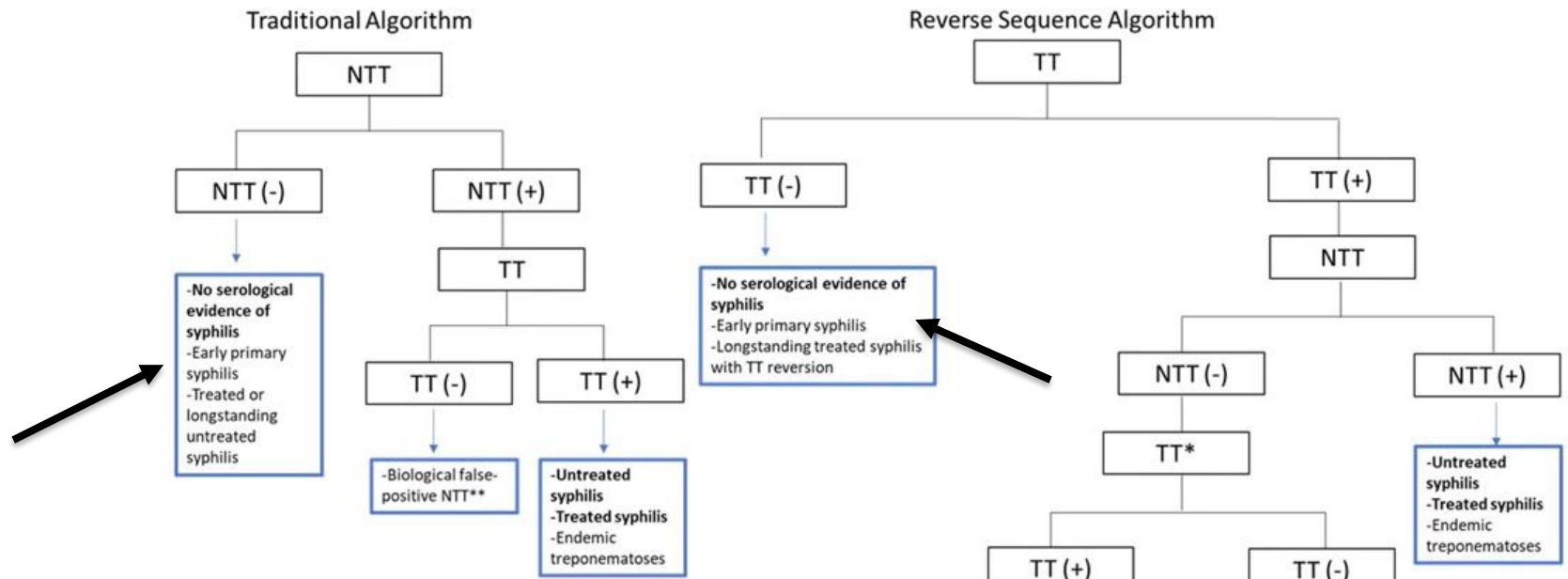
Syphilis Screening

Testing Algorithms

NTT= Non-Treponemal Testing: VDRL, RPR

TT= Treponemal Testing: TPPA, FTA-ABS, etc.

Reflex needed every screening



NTT= nontreponemal test [rapid plasma reagin (RPR); venereal disease research laboratory (VDRL)]; TT= treponemal test [e.g. fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption test (FTA-ABS); T. pallidum particle agglutination test (TPPA); automated enzyme or chemiluminescence immunoassays]

Bolded bullets represent the most likely interpretation

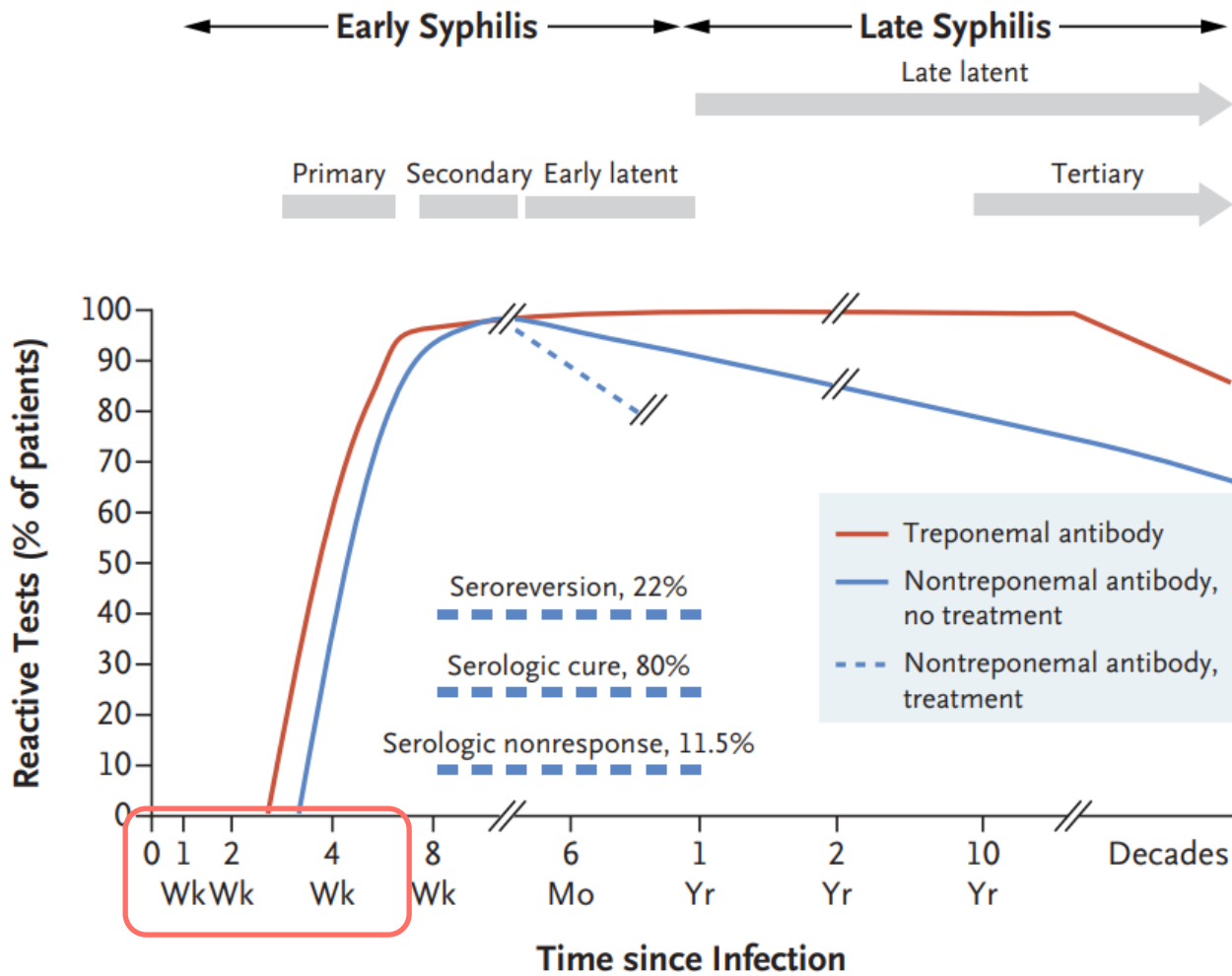
* The confirmatory TT should be different than the TT performed in the initial screen

**Causes of a biologic false positive NTT include old age, autoimmune diseases, infections (e.g. HIV), drug use; pregnancy is controversial

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N Engl J Med 2020;382:845-854

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Screening Recommendation Updates

Recent Screening Recommendations

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Sexually Transmitted Infections Treatment Guidelines, 2021

STI Treatment Guidelines

2021 RECOMMENDATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

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CDC's Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Treatment Guidelines, 2021 provides current evidence-based prevention, diagnostic and treatment recommendations that replace the 2015 guidance. The recommendations are source for clinical guidance. Healthcare providers should a based on their clinical circumstances and local burden.

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Women | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screen asymptomatic women at increased risk (history of incarceration or transactional sex work, geography, race/ethnicity) for syphilis infection^{2,7} |
| Pregnant Women | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All pregnant women at the first prenatal visit⁸• Retest at 28 weeks gestation and at delivery if at high risk (lives in a community with high syphilis morbidity or is at risk for syphilis acquisition during pregnancy [drug misuse, STIs during pregnancy, multiple partners, a new partner, partner with STIs])² |

BROWSE GUIDELINES ONLINE
View the full STI Treatment Guidelines.

PROVIDER RESOURCES
Access print-friendly versions of the wall chart, pocket guide, and guidelines.

Explore STD trainings, technical assistance, clinical consultation services, and more.

Learn about recommendations and tools to help healthcare settings improve STD care

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/screening-recommendations.htm>

Healthy People 2030

Reduce the syphilis rate in females — STI-03

Status: Getting worse ⊖

[Learn more about our data release schedule](#)



Most Recent Data:

10.8 cases of primary and secondary syphilis per 100,000 females (2020)



Target:

4.6 per 100,000



Desired Direction:

Decrease desired



Baseline:

5.1 cases of primary and secondary syphilis per 100,000 females aged 15 to 44 years were reported in 2017

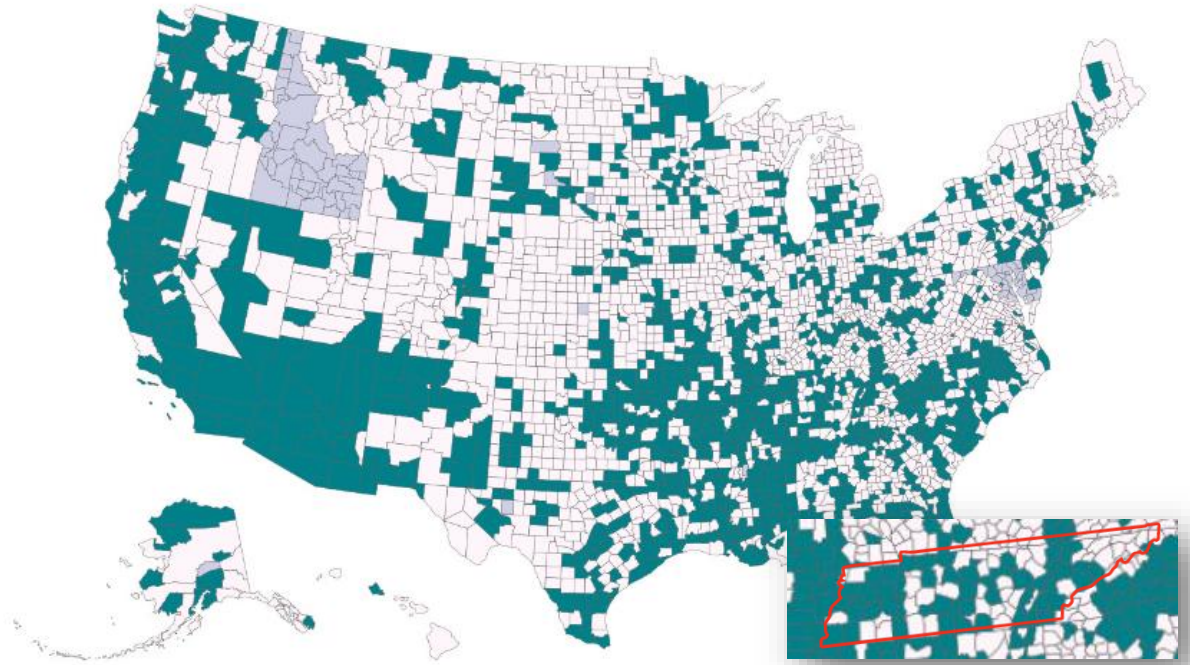


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and Health Promotion

<https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/browse-objectives/sexually-transmitted-infections/reduce-syphilis-rate-females-sti-03>

County-level syphilis rates among women can help direct syphilis screening efforts.



- Continue to assess individual risk factors to determine screening needs*
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- Suppressed†

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<https://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/atlas/syphilis/index.html>


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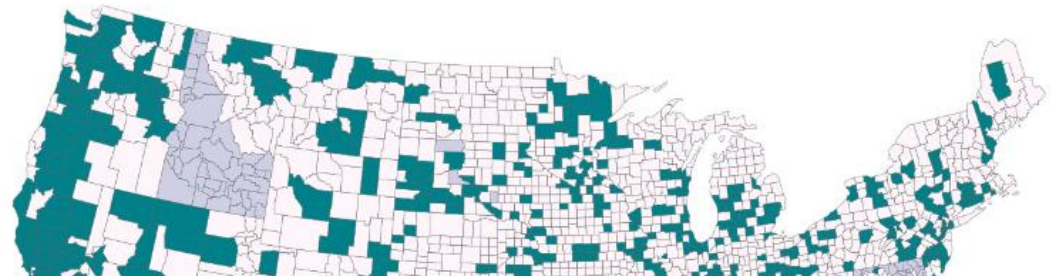
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TDH Recommendations - THAN



Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your continued support of public health in Tennessee. Due to the continued rise in syphilis and congenital syphilis (CS) cases, the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) strongly encourages additional recommendations for screening and treatment.

Untreated syphilis in pregnancy results in severe adverse pregnancy outcomes. Syphilis is a major cause of stillbirth and increases risk of preterm birth. Up to 40% of babies born to mothers with untreated syphilis are stillborn or die in infancy. Infected infants can be asymptomatic at birth but develop serious symptoms as neonates or later in life. **Adequate detection and treatment of syphilis during pregnancy is critical.** A pregnant woman can transmit syphilis to her child during any stage of syphilis and any trimester of pregnancy.

- From 2017 to 2021, TN had a 227% increase in CS cases, compared to a 185% increase nationally.
- Increases continued in 2022 with 219 pregnant patients with syphilis (all stages) and 61 CS cases. In 2022, there were 3,870 cases of syphilis (all stages) in TN.
- Of the CS cases in 2022, 15% of the moms who screened negative for syphilis in the 1st or 2nd trimester were not rescreened at 28-32 weeks, but had a subsequent baby with CS.
- 76% of pregnancies resulting in CS had some prenatal care, but 24% had no prenatal care.
- The burden of CS cases is greater among certain racial and ethnic populations. Removing barriers to care can help ensure that health access is equitable for all.

Pregnancy/Stillbirth Recommendations:

- Currently, state law requires all pregnancies be tested for syphilis in the 1st trimester or at the 1st prenatal care visit.
- **Rescreening** for syphilis at 28-32 weeks gestation and at delivery is **highly encouraged** by TDH for ALL patients, regardless of first trimester test results.
- If a patient is getting a pregnancy test in an emergency department or outpatient/walk-in setting, TDH highly encourages concurrent sexually transmitted infection testing including syphilis. Cases of CS can be prevented if syphilis has been detected and treated at the time the pregnancy was diagnosed.
- If a patient has a vaginal complaint in pregnancy which requires a workup, strongly consider testing for syphilis in addition to your other testing.
- If a patient faces obstacles to care, TDH recommends starting syphilis treatment right away following a positive rapid syphilis test during pregnancy. Send for full confirmatory syphilis testing for optimal patient follow-up. Bicillin® (long-acting penicillin G) is the only recommended treatment for syphilis during pregnancy. **Due to the ongoing Bicillin® shortages, prioritize Bicillin® for pregnant patients.**
- All women who experience stillbirth after 20 weeks should be tested for syphilis.

Pediatric Recommendations:

- Infants should not leave the hospital without the serologic status of the infants' mother having been documented at least once during pregnancy.
- CS should be considered in infants of mothers with evidence of syphilis infection during pregnancy, especially if syphilis is newly acquired during pregnancy.

Treatment

- Report suspected/probable CS cases to [local health departments](#) or fax the [PH-1600 Form](#) to (615) 741-3857.
- Need to know your patient's syphilis history to accurately treat? Positive syphilis serology and treatment history can be confirmed by contacting your local health department or by submitting a syphilis history request to <https://redcap.link/syphilis>.
- Refer to the CDC treatment guidelines for management of syphilis in pregnancy and congenital syphilis. <https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/default.htm>

For more information contact, please contact Syphilis.history@tn.gov or call 615-741-7500

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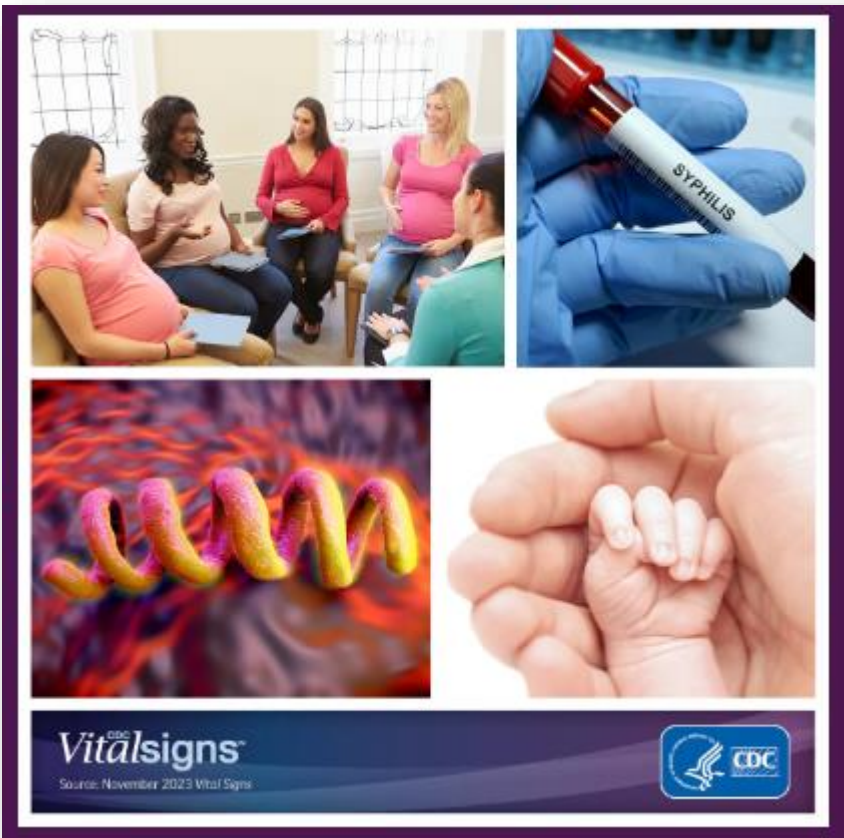
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CDC Vital Signs



Vital Stats Highlights



<https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/newborn-syphilis/index.html>

- **Make any healthcare encounter during pregnancy an opportunity to treat and prevent newborn syphilis.**
 - Meet people where they are during pregnancy with syphilis testing and treatment, including outside of usual prenatal care settings.
 - Emergency departments, jails, syringe services programs, and maternal and child health programs play a role in identifying and treating syphilis among people who do not receive adequate prenatal care.
- **Ensure all people get the treatment they need.**
 - Rapid syphilis tests (points of care tests) offer opportunities to test and treat at the same time.
 - This is especially needed for people who might not see a healthcare provider regularly during pregnancy and who may face barriers to coming back for treatment.
 - Local disease intervention specialists, who are public health professionals trained to prevent and contain infectious diseases, also play a vital role in reaching out in communities and ensuring people are diagnosed and treated.

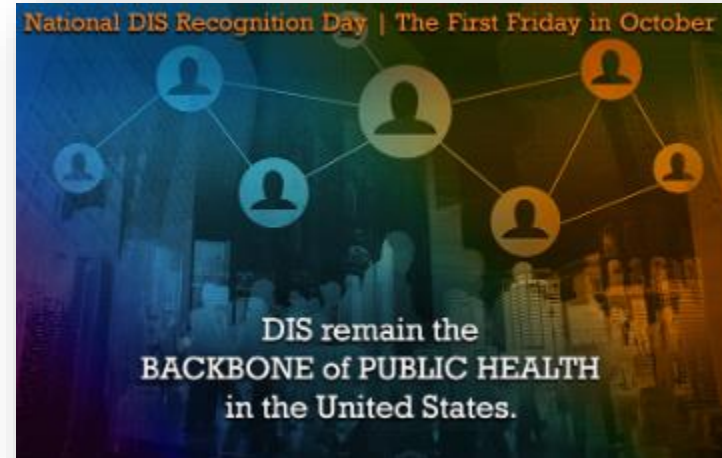
Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS)

Public health professionals who use contact tracing and case investigation to prevent and control infectious diseases

DIS specialize in:

- Public health investigations
- Case management and analysis
- Provider and community engagement, and
- Outbreak detection and response.

DIS offer partner services to people with STDs, their partners, and others at increased risk for infection.




Notify your patients of potential DIS follow-up.



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Disease Reporting

2024 Reportable Disease List



TN Department of Health

**2024 Reportable Diseases/Conditions in Tennessee
Healthcare Provider List**

(Laboratory requirements differ)

Did you know that you are required to report certain disease and conditions to the Tennessee Department of Health?

You are an invaluable part of disease reporting and surveillance in Tennessee!

These healthcare reporting requirements apply to all providers located within TN as well as those that with patients residing in TN.







Please report cases of diseases or conditions listed here to your local health office (listed at www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html) or the state office via [fax](mailto:615-741-3857) at 615-741-3857.

You may also report [online](https://redcap.health.tn.gov/redcap/surveys/7s=817CMWHN4M) via NBS. To request an NBS account for reporting, please fill out the user survey at <https://redcap.health.tn.gov/redcap/surveys/7s=817CMWHN4M>.


Regular Reporting


- PH-1600 form within 1 week (all diseases)
- Phone immediately and PH-1600 form within 1 week
- Phone next business day and PH-1600 form within 1 week

Special Reporting



















-  All blood lead test results must be reported, electronically or fax, within 1 week of elevated test results. Refer to www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/mch-lead/for-providers.html or email UT Extension at leadtr@utk.edu for more details or assistance.
-  Report in 30 days, for more information, see <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/hai.html>
-  Neonatal abstinence syndrome within 1 month at <https://www.tn.gov/health/nas.html>
-  Birth defects within 1 week at <https://tdhrc.health.tn.gov/redcap/surveys/s=TDEVPYCHET>
-  Drug overdoses every Tuesday for the previous week for more information, see <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/pdo/pdo/drug-overdose-reporting.html>
-  For COVID-19 and mpox reporting, please refer to Reportable Diseases listed on this website: <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html>

Outbreaks and Events of Urgent Public Health Concern:

Disease clusters or outbreaks 

Single cases of pan non-susceptible organisms, unusual resistance mechanisms, or other emerging or unusual pathogen 

* See Appendix A of the M100 Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

| Disease/condition | Disease/condition |
|---|--|
| Anaplasmosis | Cronobacter  |
| Anthrax  | Cryptosporidiosis |
| Antibiotic Use (acute care and critical access hospitals)  | Cyclosporiasis |
| Babesiosis | Dengue |
| Birth defects  | Diphtheria  |
| Botulism: foodborne, wound, or infant  | Drug overdose  |
| Brucellosis  | Ehrlichiosis, including <i>E. chaffeensis</i> and <i>E. ewingii</i> infection |
| California/LaCrosse serogroup virus infection | Equine encephalitis virus infections: |
| Campylobacteriosis | Eastern or Venezuelan  |
| <i>Candida auris</i> infection, including rule-out  | Western |
| Candidemia (any <i>Candida</i> species isolated in blood) | Gonorrhea, including disseminated gonococcal infection (DGI)  |
| Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriales infection  | Group A Streptococcal invasive disease |
| Any organism from the Enterobacteriales order, including but not limited to, <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Enterobacter</i> species, and <i>Klebsiella</i> species | Group B Streptococcal invasive disease |
| Carbapenemase-producing <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (CP-CRPA) infection  | <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> invasive disease  |
| Carbapenemase-producing <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> (CP-CRAB) infection | Hansen's disease (leprosy) |
| Carbon monoxide poisoning | Healthcare-associated events:  |
| Chagas disease | Catheter-associated urinary tract infection |
| Chikungunya  | Central line-associated bloodstream infection |
| Chlamydia, including lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV) | Clostridioides difficile infection |
| Cholera  | Dialysis events |
| Congenital rubella syndrome | Healthcare personnel influenza vaccination |
| Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2  | Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> infection |
| | Surgical site infection |
| | Ventilator-associated events |

More information about reporting is available on the Reportable Diseases website at www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html. For questions, contact CEDEP at (615) 741-7247 or (800) 404-3006. For more details about the laboratory tests and results, specimen or isolate submission requirements, and catchment areas for individual pathogens, please refer to the Detailed Laboratory Guideline available on the Reportable Diseases website.

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Regular Reporting

PH-1600 form within 1 week (all diseases)

Phone immediately and PH-1600 form within 1 week

Phone next business day and PH-1600 form within 1 week

Pathogen

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|---|
| Rubella  |
| St. Louis encephalitis virus infection  |
| Salmonella Typhi/Paratyphi  |
| Salmonella species (other than S. Typhi/S. Paratyphi)  |
| Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> infection  |
| Shigellosis |
| Smallpox  |
| Spotted fever rickettsiosis |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , enterotoxin B pulmonary poisoning  |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , vancomycin non-susceptible (all forms)  |
| <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> invasive disease |
| Syphilis:  |
| Congenital  |
| Other |
| Tetanus |
| Toxic shock syndrome: |
| Staphylococcal |
| Streptococcal |
| Tuberculosis infection (formerly "latent") |
| Positive tuberculin skin test (TST) for any child <18 years old, or positive interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) for any aged patient |

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/reportable-diseases/2024-List-Provider.pdf>

Local Health Department

- Report syphilis cases to local health department STI program designee
- Regional health department STI program staff provide support and resources

Local and Regional Health Departments



Local and Regional Health Departments (tn.gov)

Local Health Department Contacts - STI

STI Contacts for Regional Health Departments

| West | Mid-Cumberland | South Central | Upper Cumberland | Southeast | East | Northeast |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Felicia Stegall STI Manager | Lakesha Marshall STI Manager | Karan Kilpatrick STI Manager | Robin Palmer HIV/STI Manager | Beth Thomas STI Manager | Erika Hampton STI Manager | Samantha Webb STI Manager |
| P: 731-421-6745 F: 731-421-5000 | P: 615-650-7041 P: 615-650-7025 | P: 931-490-8362 931-490-8362 | P: 931-646-7550 F: 931-520-7575 | P: 423-634-5804 F: 423-634-3139 | P: 865-601-7688 P: 865-549-5290 | P: 423-979-4653 C: 423-202-5879 |



STI Contacts for Metro Health Departments

| Shelby | Madison | Davidson | Hamilton | Knox | Sullivan |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Misty Hayes-Winton Program Manager | Quill Brabham HIV/STI Manager | Norman Foster STI/HIV Manager | Arlisia Craig STI Manager | Chad Burry Patient Services Manager | Heather Mullins Regional EPI/STD Director |
| P: 901-222-9416 P: 901-222-9427 | P: 731-927-8534 C: 731-431-3561 | P: 615-340-5695 F: 615-340-8560 | P: 423-209-8264 F: 423-209-8259 | P: 865-215-5267 C: 865-363-7105 | P: 423-279-7545 F: 423-279-2727 |

Local Health Department – Next Business Day Reporting

Congenital Syphilis Reporting:

- What info is needed?
 - Mother & Infant:
 - DOB
 - Signs & Symptoms
 - Lab results (or pending results like VDRL)
 - Treatment
 - Prenatal Provider
 - Contact info for mother
 - If patient is still in hospital
 - Patients are very hard to locate once d/c'd from hospital



Local Health Department – PH-1600 Reporting



This form may be completed online at <https://hssi.tn.gov/auth/login> or faxed to the Division of Communicable and Environmental Diseases and Emergency Preparedness (CEDEP) at Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) at (615) 741-3857. To fax directly to the local or regional health office, refer to <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html>. For questions, contact CEDEP at (615) 741-7247 or (800) 404-3006. For more specific details, refer to the TDH Reportable Diseases website at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/ReportableDiseases>.

Please note: Birth Defects, Drug Overdose, Lead Levels, NAS, & NHSN Healthcare-Associated Infections should not be reported using this form.

Directions for Providers:

- All of the information on this form is required to report, if available. Public Health will follow up with the reporter for the patient demographics and lab report, if missing.
- The provider information, patient demographics, and clinical information may be provided on this form, or attached (e.g., patient cover sheet, notifiable diseases report, relevant medical records).
- Provide the contact information for the provider for Public Health follow-up. If the primary place of work for the provider is a private practice, provide the name, phone, and fax for that facility rather than the hospital.
- Attach the associated laboratory report to this form.
- Provide the county of the provider facility or practice to aid in assignment of the case to a public health jurisdiction.
- *If patient's "Date of Birth" is unavailable, report the patient's age in years. If the patient is < 1 year of age, please mark the box for "Months." If the patient is < 1 month of age, please list "0" and mark the box for "Months."
- Patient address is used to assign public health jurisdiction for the investigation.
- *Hepatitis symptoms include: fever, malaise, vomiting, fatigue, anorexia, diarrhea, abdominal pain, jaundice, headache, nausea.
- *Reportable tickborne diseases such as Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis, Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis, and Lyme Disease.
- For a positive interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) for (latent) Tuberculosis Infection (TBI), attach a copy of the lab result to this form. For a positive tuberculin skin test (TST) for any child or adolescent < 18 years of age, document the TST result in millimeters (mm) of induration in the "Comments" field at right; fax this form directly to the Tennessee Tuberculosis Elimination Program: (615) 253-1370.

Directions for Laboratories:

- Laboratories should report to Public Health via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) or a printed laboratory report, rather than by completing this form, unless provider information or patient demographics are missing in the lab report. Then, complete this form only for the missing information and attach the lab report.
- Laboratories are only required to report Specimen Collection Date and Specimen Source in the Clinical Information section.
- The information required (if available) for printed lab reports includes:
 - (1) Patient demographics (shown on the right, including address)
 - (2) Ordering provider and facility name, phone number, address
 - (3) Performing laboratory name, phone number, and address
 - (4) Reporting facility name, phone number, address

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|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Report | Disease/Event: | | Date of Report: ___/___/___ | |
| | Reporter Name: | | Phone: () | |
| | Lab Report: <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Not Tested <input type="checkbox"/> Report Unavailable | | | |
| Provider | Provider Name: | | | |
| | Primary Facility/Practice: | | | |
| | Phone: () | Fax: () | County: | |
| Patient Demographics | Patient Name: | | | |
| | Date of Birth: ___/___/___ (mm/dd/yyyy) | | Race: | |
| | *Age: ___ Months | | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ Alaska Native | |
| | Sex: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Male | Ethnicity: | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/ African American | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> White | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
| | Street Address: | | | |
| | City: | | State: | |
| County: | | Zip Code: | | |
| Phone: () | | Phone: () | | |
| Clinical Information | Illness Onset Date: ___/___/___ | | Hospitalized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
| | Hospital Name: | | | |
| | Admission Date: ___/___/___ | | Discharge Date: ___/___/___ | |
| | Pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | | Died? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
| | Symptoms? ^H hepatitis cases only <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | | | |
| | Fever? ^T tickborne diseases only <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | | | |
| | Specimen Collection Date: ___/___/___ | | Specimen Source: | |

Congenital Syphilis Infections Medical Records Needs:

- Face Sheet
- H&P
- MAR with syphilis treatment
- Consults related to syphilis
- Discharge Summary
- TheraDoc, with linked information, if possible

Thank you for the ICNs sending Morbidity Reports with detailed medical records!

Reportable Diseases and Events are declared to be communicable and/or dangerous to the public and are to be reported to the local health department by all hospitals, physicians, laboratories, and other persons knowing of or suspecting a case in accordance with the provision of the statutes and regulations governing the control of communicable diseases in Tennessee (T.C.A. §68 Rule 1200-14-01-.02).

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- (5) Date of the laboratory report
- (6) Test performed (may differ from the test ordered)
- (7) Accession number
- (8) Specimen type/source and collection date
- (9) Result (quantitative and qualitative), interpretation, and reference range
- See the Reportable Diseases website for the ELR requirements.


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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| STD Treatment: Date: ___/___/___ | Comments: |
| Medications: | |



CDC Reporting Requirements

Congenital syphilis reporting:

- Obstetric history
- Prenatal care details
- Test results
- Treatment
 - Treatment used
 - Date given
 - Duration of treatment
 - Adequate for stage?
 - Adequate response?
- Clinical presentation
- Risk factors

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|--|---|
| Local Use Only Mother's Name: _____ Chart No: _____ Mother's Case ID No: _____ Address: _____ (Zip code) _____ OB/Gyn: _____ Phone No: (____) _____ Infants Name: _____ Chart No: _____ Delivering Physician: _____ Phone No: (____) _____ Pediatrician: _____ Phone No: (____) _____ Delivering Hospital: _____ - Patient Identifier information is not transmitted to CDC - | |
|  U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA 30333 | |
| CONGENITAL SYPHILIS (CS) CASE INVESTIGATION AND REPORT | |
| Other geographic unit: _____ CASE ID No.: _____ Local Use ID No.: _____ | |
| 1. Report date to health dept. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Unk | 2. Reporting state FIPS code: 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Unk |
| Reporting State Name: _____ Reporting County Name: _____ | |
| PART I. MATERNAL INFORMATION | |
| 4. Mother's state FIPS code: _____ | 5. Mother's Country of residence: _____ (Leave Blank if USA) |
| 6. Mother's residence county FIPS code: _____ | 7. Mother's residence ZIP code: _____ |
| 8. Mother's date of birth: _____ 9. Mother's obstetric history: _____ (G=pregnancies, P=live births) | |
| 10. Last menstrual period (LMP) (before delivery): _____ | 11. a) Indicate date of first prenatal visit: _____ b) Indicate trimester of first prenatal visit: _____ |
| 12. Mother's ethnicity: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic or Latino 3 <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| 13. Mother's race: (check all that apply) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Single, never married 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Married 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Separated/Divorced 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Widow | |
| 14. Did mother have non-treponemal or treponemal tests at: a) first prenatal visit? b) 28-32 weeks gestation? c) delivery? | |
| 15. What was mother's HIV status during pregnancy? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> positive 2 <input type="checkbox"/> patient not tested 3 <input type="checkbox"/> negative 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
| 16. Indicate during pregnancy and delivery, dates and results of a) most recent and b) first non-treponemal tests: | |
| 17. Indicate during pregnancy, date, type, and result of a) first and b) most recent treponemal tests: | |
| 18. What SURVEILLANCE stage of syphilis did mother have during pregnancy? (see table) | |
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| 20. What SURVEILLANCE stage of syphilis did mother have during pregnancy? (see table) | |
| 21. When did mother receive her first dose of benzathine penicillin? | |
| 22. What was mother's treatment? | |
| 23. Did mother have an appropriate serologic response? (see table) | |
| PART II. INFANT/CHILD INFORMATION | |
| 24. Date of Delivery: _____ | 25. Vital status: _____ |
| 26. Estimated gestational age (in weeks): _____ (If infant was stillborn go to Q27) | 27. a) Did infant/child have a reactive non-treponemal test for syphilis? (see table) b) When was the infant/child's first reactive treponemal test for syphilis? (see table) |
| 28. a) Did infant/child have a reactive treponemal test for syphilis? (see table) b) When was the infant/child's first reactive treponemal test for syphilis? (see table) | 29. a) Did infant/child have a reactive non-treponemal test for syphilis? (see table) b) When was the infant/child's first reactive treponemal test for syphilis? (see table) |
| 30. Did the infant/child have any signs of CS? (check all that apply) | 31. Did the infant/child have a CSF VDRL? |
| 32. Did the infant/child have long bone X-rays? | 33. Did the infant/child have a CSF WBC count or CSF protein test? (see table) |
| 34. Was the infant/child treated? (if not an absolute response) | 35. Classification: |
| 36. Classification: | |

TN Congenital Syphilis Review Board

In-depth exploration of the contributors to congenital syphilis infections and the system issues that impact the risk of infection.

Multidisciplinary Case Review Team

Developing a clearer understanding of underlying risk factors and inequities that may not be identified otherwise.

Uses findings to take action that can prevent future cases of congenital syphilis and improve the system of care and resources for women and infants





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The screenshot shows the homepage of the National STD Curriculum website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Self Study, Quick Reference, Question Bank, STD Podcast, Lecture Series, Mpox Guide, Clinical Consultation, and Master Bibliography. A search icon is also present. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads "National STD Curriculum" followed by the text "A free educational website from the University of Washington STD Prevention Training Center." and "Funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)". A central illustration depicts the life cycle of a pathogen in six stages. Below this, a section titled "National STD Curriculum Updates" lists several new features. At the bottom, a grid displays "STD & STI 2nd Edition Lessons" for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis, each with links to Quick Reference, Self-Study, and Question Bank.

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Self Study Quick Reference Question Bank STD Podcast Lecture Series Mpox Guide Clinical Consultation Master Bibliography

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National STD Curriculum Updates

- NEW illustrated *Mpox Clinical Guide* reviews life cycle, manifestations, diagnosis, four treatment options, and prevention
- Seven 2nd Edition lessons and twenty-five question bank topics offer new CME, CME+MOC, CNE, and CE
- 2nd Edition content includes new recommendations in the CDC 2021 STI Treatment Guidelines
- Podcast series explores significant issues including testing for gonorrhea and antimicrobial resistance, HSV, and syphilis.

STD & STI 2nd Edition Lessons

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|  Chlamydia Chlamydial Infections | Quick Reference > Rapidly access info about Chlamydia | Self-Study 2nd Edition CNE/CME Track progress and receive CE credit | Question Bank CNE/CME Interactive board-review style questions with CE credit |
|  Gonorrhea Gonococcal Infections | Quick Reference > Rapidly access info about Gonorrhea | Self-Study 2nd Edition CNE/CME Track progress and receive CE credit | Question Bank CNE/CME Interactive board-review style questions with CE credit |
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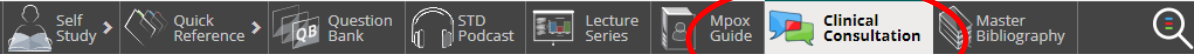
CE Credits

<https://www.std.uw.edu/>

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STD Clinical Consultation Network

For Licensed Healthcare Professionals and STD Program Staff

- The *National STD Curriculum* does not provide clinical consultation. If you are interested in obtaining clinical consultation regarding STD-related patient care, please contact the STD Clinical Consultation Network.
- The STD Clinical Consultation Network is a free clinical consultation service provided by expert faculty at regional STD Prevention Training Centers, as part of the National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers.
- The STD clinical consultation service is available only to licensed healthcare professionals and STD program staff.



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Consultations can be submitted at <https://www.STDCCN.org>
or by clicking on the logo above.

Benefits for National STD Curriculum members

Signed in members are able to pre-fill some of the required information on the STD CCN consultation form.

Already have an account? [Sign in](#) to take advantage of this benefit.


An advertisement for the STD Clinical Consultation Network. It features a group of five diverse healthcare professionals (three women and two men) in white lab coats. The text at the top asks 'Syphilis management? Resistant gonorrhea? STD treatment?' and 'GOT A TOUGH STD QUESTION? Get FREE expert STD clinical consultation at your fingertips'. Below the image are three circular icons: a document with a checkmark labeled 'Ask your question', a person icon labeled 'National STD experts review', and a smartphone with an envelope icon labeled 'Response within 1-5 business days, depending on urgency'. At the bottom, it says 'Log on to www.STDCCN.org for medical professionals nationwide'.

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STI Provider Resources - Consultation

STD Clinical Consultation Network



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The Clinical Consultation Service is intended for licensed healthcare professionals and STD program staff. We do not provide direct medical care, treatment planning, or medical treatment services to individuals. Consultations are based on information provided by the caller without the benefit of a direct evaluation/examination of the patient, and as such, do not constitute medical advice, are intended to be used only as a guide.

The information provided through the Clinical Consultation Service is not a replacement for local expertise or your state STD program protocols. Information is offered as clinical decision support, is advisory in nature and is not intended to replace local healthcare decision-making or provision. Requestors are free to disregard any advice offered. Final clinical decisions are the sole responsibility of the healthcare provider.

STD CCN is conducting a PILOT HOTLINE for syphilis in pregnancy and congenital syphilis for the state of CALIFORNIA only. All other STD CCN warmline inquiries will be answered in the usual timeframe of 1 to 5 days.

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Provider Resources – REDCap Syphilis History



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Tennessee Syphilis History Request

Licensed health care providers can access current and historical syphilis test results and treatment information for patients who are Tennessee residents to inform the diagnosis and management of syphilis in their patients. Clinical consultation is available at the National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers clinical consult network [NNPTC Online Consultation](#).

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) maintains records of **positive** syphilis test results for Tennessee residents. Clinical laboratories ([laboratory instructions](#)) and healthcare providers ([healthcare provider instructions](#)) are required by law (T.C.A. §68 Rule 1200-14-01-.02) to report all positive syphilis test results for Tennessee residents. Additional information on reportable disease in Tennessee is available at this [link](#).

Instructions:

1. Complete the following survey
2. A Tennessee Department of Health employee will call the office/facility phone number to confirm that the individual is a current patient; once confirmed, the staff member will call the requesting provider preferred phone
3. Test results and treatment history will be provided verbally then securely emailed to the requesting healthcare provider
4. If no results are found, a secure email will be sent to the requesting healthcare provider
5. Institutional firewalls occasionally block receipt of emails. If you do not receive a response in the expected timeframe, please call **615-741-7500** and ask to speak with **Rebecca Moore** or **Lavonne Cole**



<https://redcap.health.tn.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=MJFDY39AKM3WLKJJ>

Provider Resources – REDCap Syphilis History

| Facility Information | |
|---|---|
| Facility or Practice Name: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> |
| Facility Address: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> |
| Facility City: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> |
| Facility State: <small>* must provide value</small> | Tennessee <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| Facility Zipcode: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> |
| Practice or facility direct phone number to confirm patient's relationship to requesting provider: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> <small>XXX-XXX-XXXX</small> |
| Provider Information | |
| Requesting Clinician: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> |
| Requesting Clinician Tennessee License Number: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> |
| Requesting Clinician National Provider Identifier: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> |
| Clinician Direct Phone Number: <small>* must provide value</small> | <input type="text"/> <small>XXX-XXX-XXXX Please provide a cell phone or staffed office</small> |



<https://redcap.health.tn.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=MJFDY39AKM3WLKJJ>

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Contact
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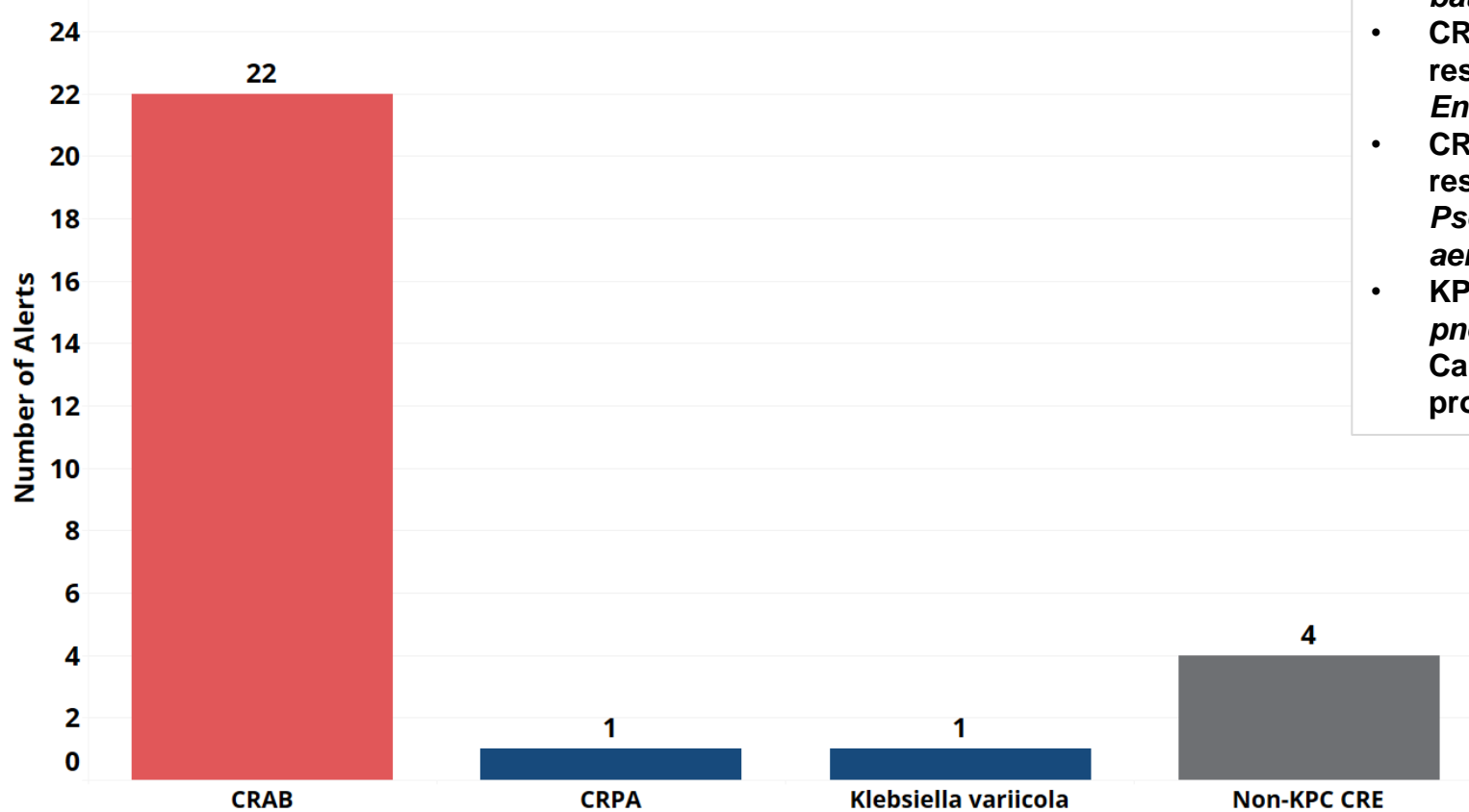


Multi-Drug Resistant Organism (MDRO) Outbreak Team Update

January 17th – February 15th, 2024

MDRO Alerts

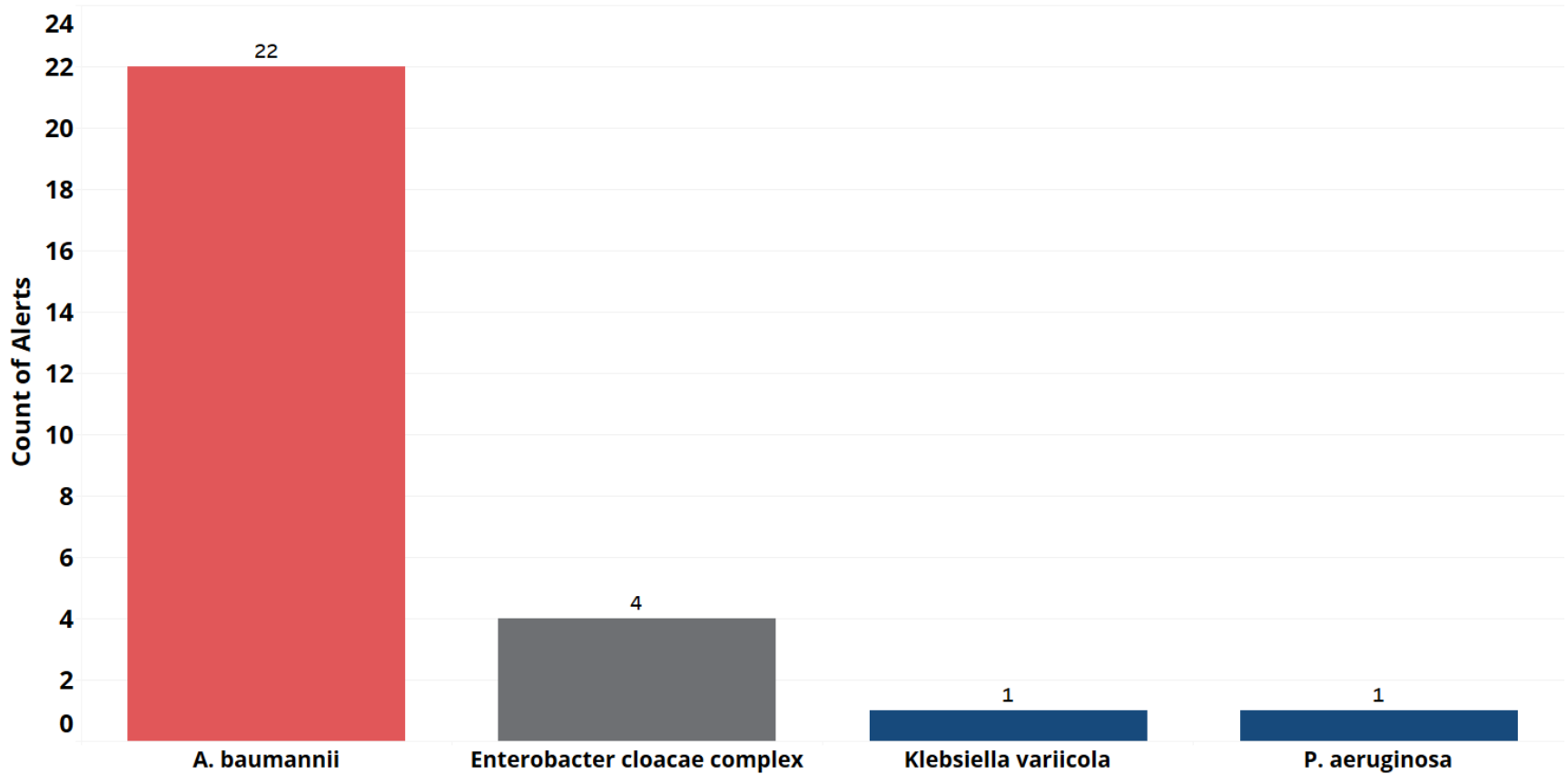
MDRO Alerts by Organism Order
(Jan 17th - Feb 15th)



- CRAB – Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*
- CRE – Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacterales*
- CRPA – Carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- KPC – *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Carbapenemase-producing

MDRO Alert by Organism

Alerts by Organism
(Jan 17th - Feb 15th)



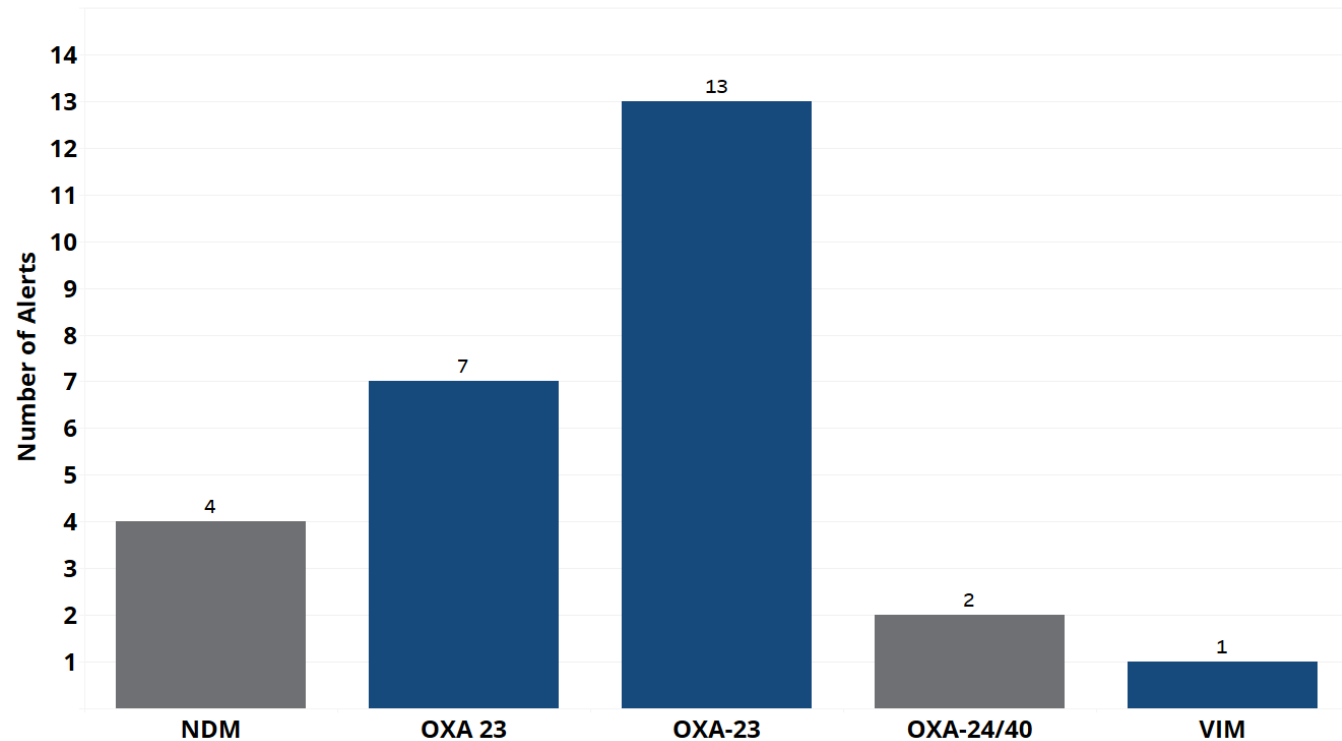
Non-KPC CRE Genes

MDRO Alerts by Resistance Gene
(Jan 17th - Feb 15th)

- Carbapenemase-producing Genes:

- “Big Five”

- KPC
- IMP
- NDM
- OXA-48
- VIM

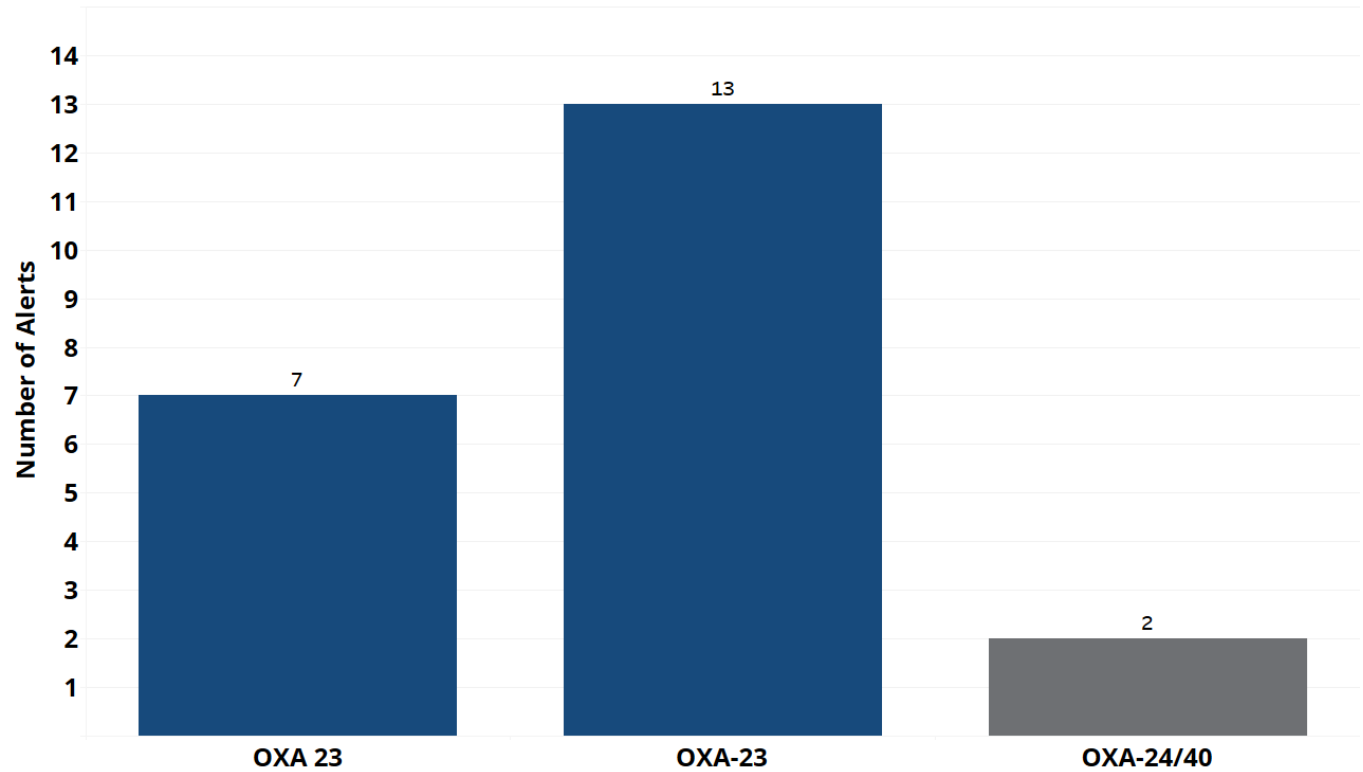


CRAB Alerts

CRAB Isolates
(Jan 17th - Feb 15th)

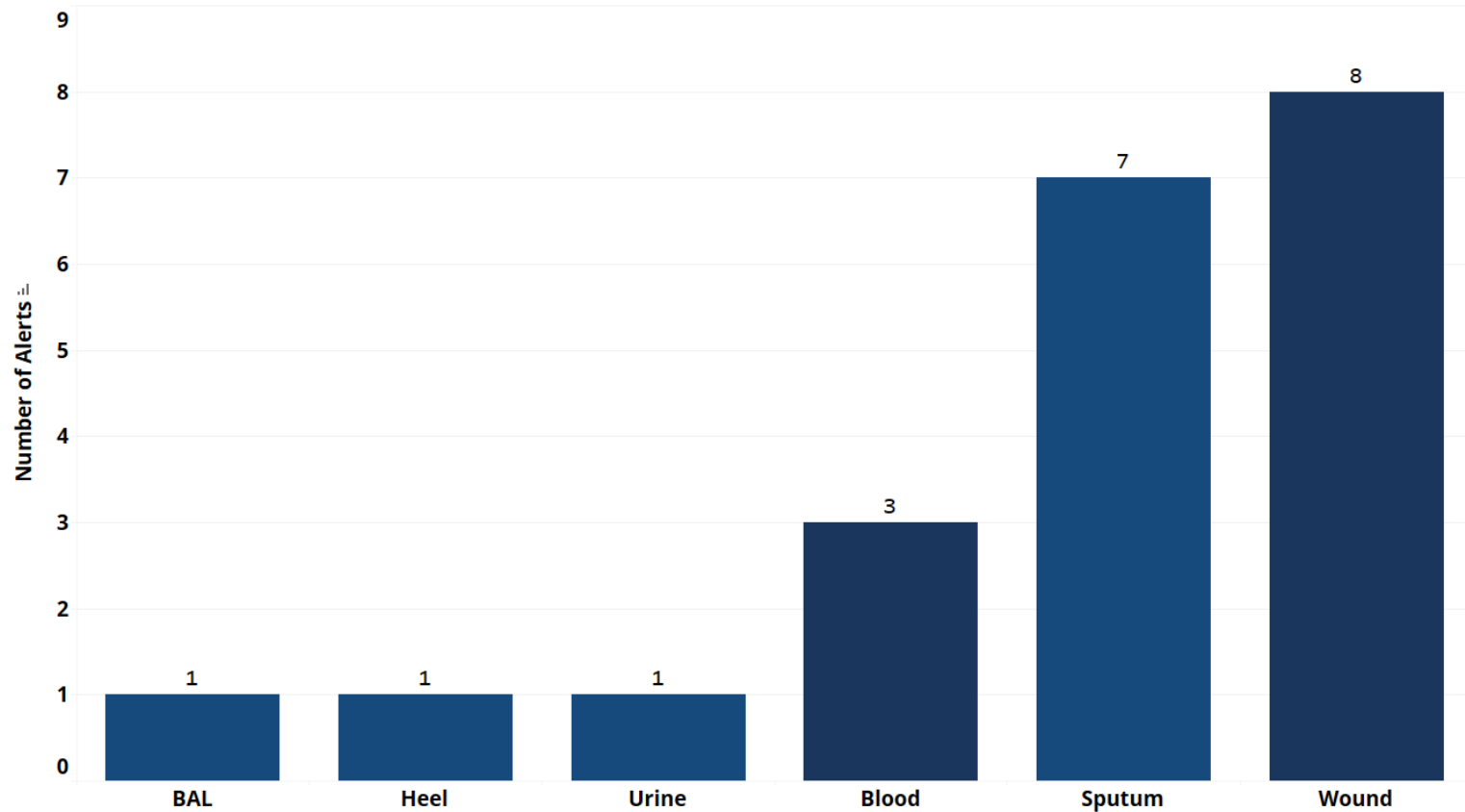
Carbapenemase-producing Genes:

- Other
- Oxacillinases
 - OXA-24/40
 - OXA-23



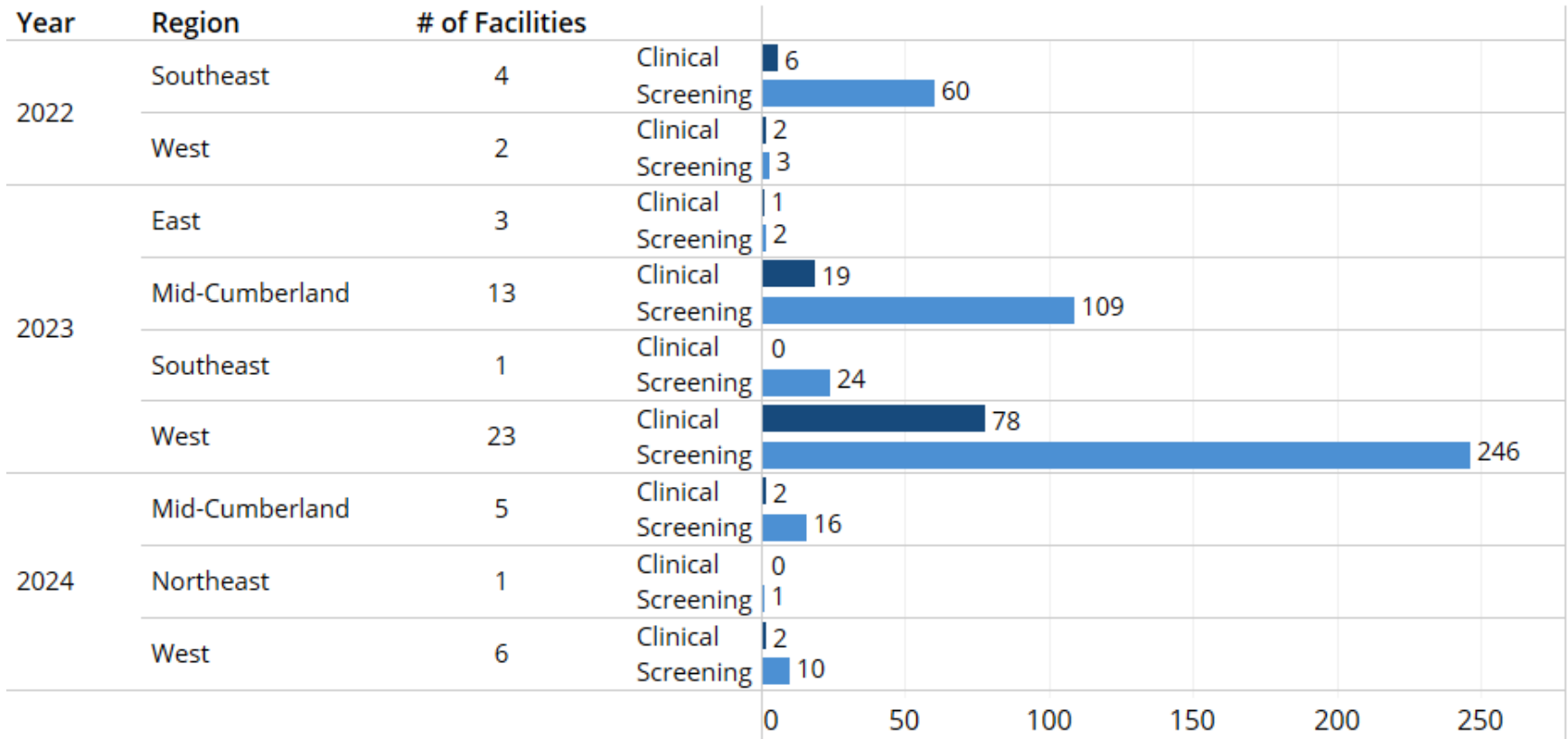
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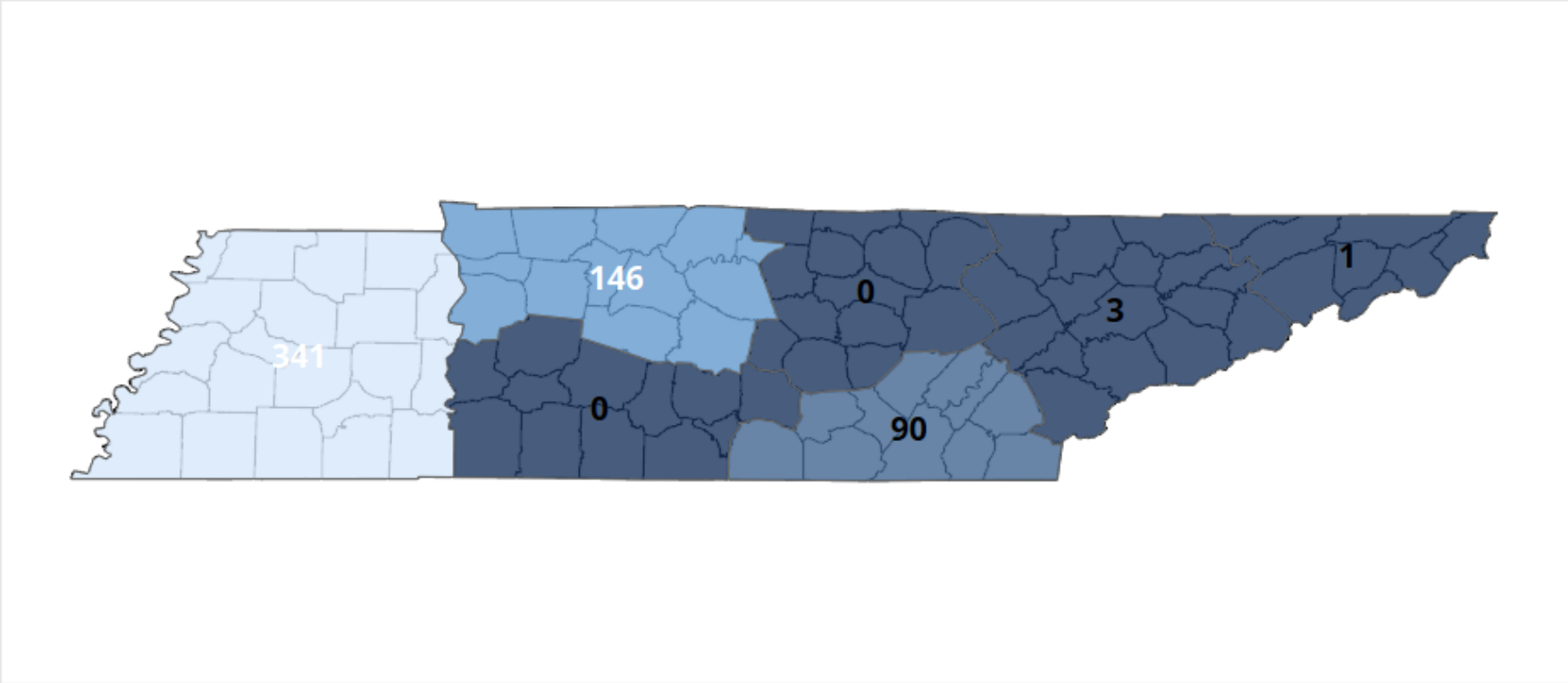
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NHSN Device-Associated Modules: VAE & PedVAE

Housekeeping

- **This call is being recorded, and the recording and slides will be posted to the State HAI website.**
- **Please use the chat-box for any questions.**
- **Questions will be answered at the end.**

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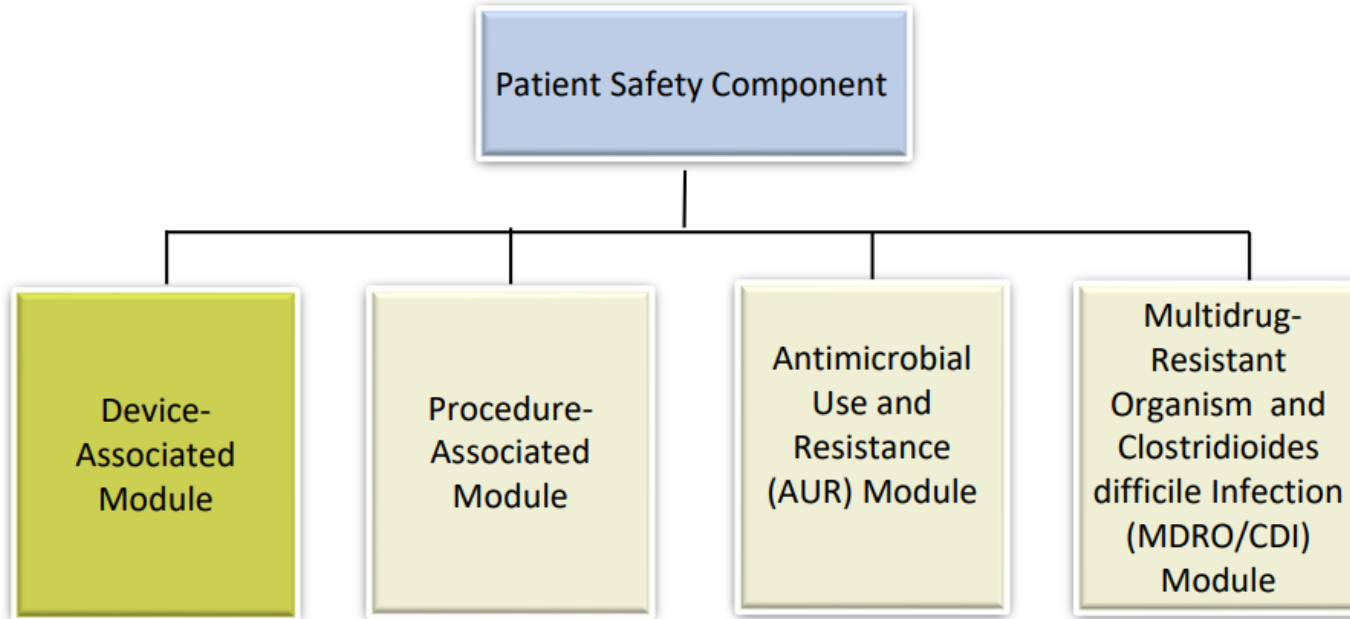


NHSN Background

NHSN Background



Patient Safety Component Background



VAE Section History

- **Prior to 2013, surveillance for ventilator-associated events was limited to VAP.**
- **One drawback is that radiographic findings of pneumonia were required in VAP event recording.**
 - **Evidence suggests that this is not an accurate way to identify VAP due to the subjectivity in technique, interpretation, and reporting.**
 - **Especially in inter-facility comparisons and public reporting situations.**
- **Another issue, was the lack of a sensitive or specific definition for VAP, with broad criteria and definitions that were unreliable.**
- **These limitations also stunt prevention efforts, as valid and reliable data is critical for prevention strategy assessment.**

VAE Section History

- **The VAE surveillance algorithm was implemented in 2013 to identify a broad range of conditions that occur in ventilated adults.**
 - **These criteria were made specifically to be objective and possibly automated to ensure both easy implementation and utilization of electronic health records to identify events.**
- **The PedVAE section has a similar history, with a group formed also in 2013 to define its criteria.**
 - **Unfortunately, there was insufficient data at the time, so the group was postponed until 2015.**
- **At that time, a study on pediatric events demonstrated that changes in the Fraction of Inspired Oxygen (FiO₂) and Mean Airway Pressure (MAP) were associated with events that prolonged patient stay and increased mortality.**
- **In 2019, PedVAE was introduced as a section following VAE in the Patient Safety Component.**



VAE/PedVAE 2024 Updates

2024 Updates: VAE

- **Additions:**

- Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria section created, and inclusion and exclusion criteria moved up from within the Definitions section
- Transfer rule updated to address location of attribution when there are multiple locations within the transfer rule timeframe
- Rezafungin and sulbactam/durlobactam added to Appendix. List of Antimicrobial Agents Eligible for IVAC, PVAP

- **Clarifications:**

- “Ventilator” definition moved to the beginning of the Definitions section. No changes made to the definition.

- **Deletions:**

- Gemifloxacin and quinupristin/dalfopristin removed from Appendix. List of Antimicrobial Agents Eligible for IVAC, PVAP

2024 Updates: PedVAE

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- **Clarifications:**
 - Inclusion criteria clarified
- **Deletions:**
 - Gemifloxacin and quinupristin/dalfopristin removed from Appendix. List of Eligible Antimicrobial Agents



TDH/CMS Reporting Requirements

Reporting Requirements for VAE

Required Reporting:

| Facility Type | Location(s) |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Long-term acute care facilities (LTACs) | Adult Inpatient Locations only |

Eligible for Surveillance (VAE):

| Facility Type | Location(s) |
|--|---------------------------|
| Acute Care Hospitals (ACHs) | Adult inpatient locations |
| LTACs | Adult inpatient locations |
| Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) | Adult inpatient locations |

Eligible for Surveillance (PedVAE):

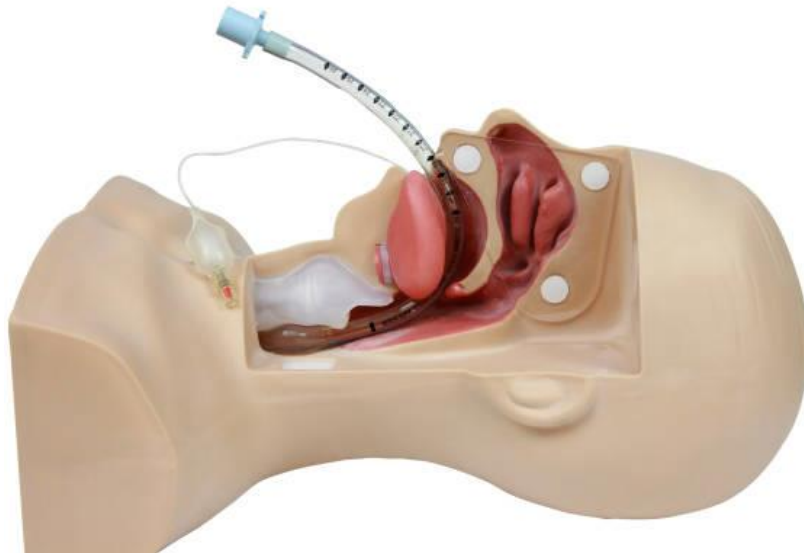
| Facility Type | Location(s) |
|---------------|---|
| ACHs | Pediatric inpatient locations Neonatal inpatient locations |
| LTACs | Pediatric inpatient locations Neonatal inpatient locations |
| IRFs | Pediatric inpatient locations Neonatal inpatient locations |



Definitions for Surveillance

Basic Definitions

- **Ventilator: A device used to support, assist, or control respiration (inclusive of the weaning period) through the application of positive pressure to the airway when delivered via an artificial airway, specifically oral/nasal endotracheal or tracheostomy tube.**
 - **NOTE: Ventilation and lung expansion devices that deliver positive pressure to the airway (for example, CPAP, BiPAP, Bi-level, IPPB, and PEEP) via non-invasive means (for example, nasal prongs, nasal mask, full face mask, total mask, etc.) are not considered ventilators unless positive pressure is delivered via an artificial airway (oral/nasal endotracheal or tracheostomy tube).**



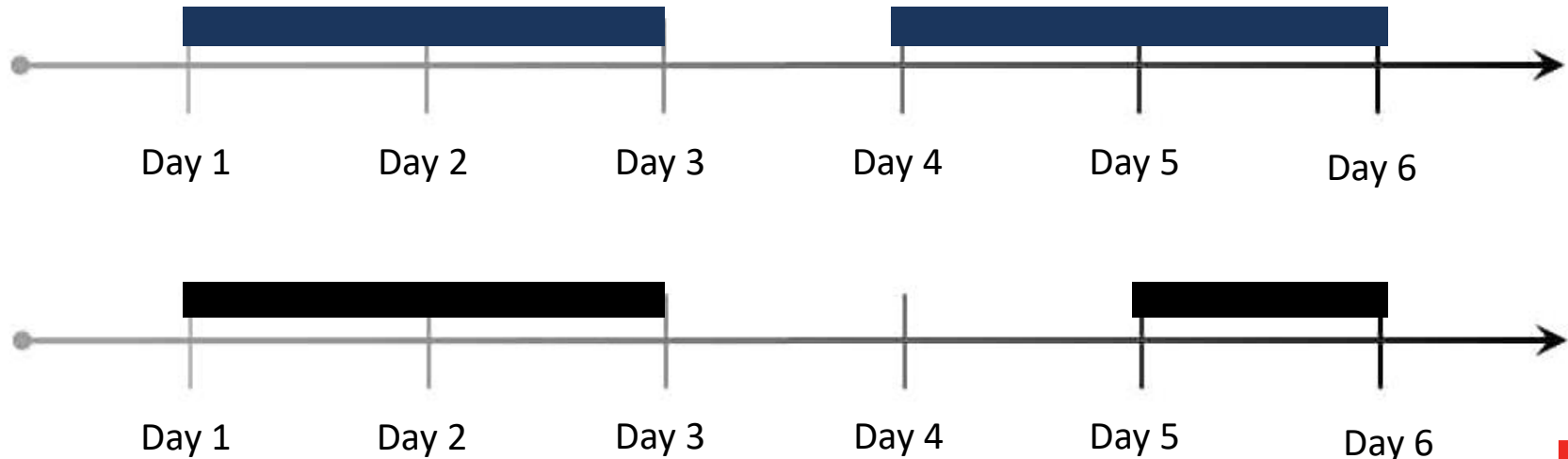
Not a ventilator



Basic Definitions

- **Episode of Mechanical Ventilation:** Defined as a period of days during which the patient was mechanically ventilated for some portion of each consecutive day.
 - **NOTE:** A break in mechanical ventilation of at least one full calendar day, followed by reintubation and/or reinitiation of mechanical ventilation during the same hospitalization, defines a new episode of mechanical ventilation.

Episodes of Mechanical Ventilation:



Basic Definitions

- **Fraction of Inspired Oxygen (FiO₂):** The fraction of oxygen in inspired gas.
 - For example, the FiO₂ of ambient air is 0.21; the oxygen concentration of ambient air is 21%.
- **In patients on mechanical ventilation, the FiO₂ is one of the key parameters that can be adjusted depending on the patient's oxygenation needs.**
 - It is typically in the range of 0.30 (oxygen concentration of 30%) to 1.0 (oxygen concentration of 100%).

Basic Definitions

- Daily Minimum FiO₂:** The lowest value of FiO₂ during a calendar day that is set on the ventilator and maintained for > 1 hour. In circumstances where there is no value that is documented to have been maintained for > 1 hour (for example, the lowest value of FiO₂ is set late in the calendar day, mechanical ventilation is discontinued early in the calendar day, FiO₂ settings are changed very frequently throughout the calendar day) the daily minimum FiO₂ should default to the lowest FiO₂ setting during the calendar day (regardless of how long that setting was maintained).

EXAMPLE: The patient is intubated at 6 pm. FiO₂ is set at the following values through the remainder of the calendar day:

| Time | 6 pm | 7 pm | 8 pm | 9 pm | 10 pm | 11 pm |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| FiO ₂ | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |

In this example, the daily minimum FiO₂ for the purposes of VAE surveillance is 0.5. FiO₂ settings are being monitored and recorded every hour. There are two consecutive hours where the FiO₂ setting is noted to be 0.5 (8 pm and 9 pm), and therefore required minimum duration of > 1 hour is met.

VAE Definitions

- **Positive End-Expiratory Pressure (PEEP):** A technique used in respiratory therapy in which airway pressure greater than atmospheric pressure is achieved at the end of exhalation by the introduction of a mechanical impedance to exhalation.
- In patients on mechanical ventilation, PEEP is one of the key parameters that can be adjusted depending on the patient's oxygenation needs and is typically in the range of 0 to 15 cmH₂O.

VAE Definitions

- Daily Minimum PEEP:** The lowest value of PEEP during a calendar day that is set on the ventilator and maintained for > 1 hour. In circumstances where there is no value that is documented to have been maintained for > 1 hour (for example, the lowest value of PEEP is set late in the calendar day, mechanical ventilation is discontinued early in the calendar day, PEEP settings are changed very frequently throughout the calendar day) the daily minimum PEEP should default to the lowest PEEP setting during the calendar day (regardless of how long that setting was maintained).

EXAMPLE: The patient is intubated at 6 pm. PEEP is set at the following values through the remainder of the calendar day:

| Time | 6 pm | 7 pm | 8 pm | 9 pm | 10 pm | 11 pm |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| PEEP (cmH ₂ O) | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 8 |

In this example, the daily minimum PEEP for the purposes of VAE surveillance is 5 cmH₂O. PEEP settings are being monitored and recorded every hour. There are two consecutive hours where the PEEP setting is noted to be 5 cmH₂O (8 pm and 9 pm), and therefore required minimum duration of > 1 hour is met.

Basic Definitions

- **Mean Airway Pressure (MAP):** The average pressure exerted on the airway and lungs from the beginning of inspiration until the beginning of the next inspiration.
- **In patients on mechanical ventilation, MAP is the most powerful influence on oxygenation and is determined by:**
 - positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP)
 - peak inspiratory pressure (PIP)
 - inspiratory time
 - frequency

PedVAE Definitions

- **Daily Minimum MAP:** The lowest value of MAP during a calendar day.

Basic Definitions

- **Date of Event:** The date of onset of worsening oxygenation. This is defined as the first calendar day in which the daily minimum PEEP or FiO₂ increases above the thresholds outlined in the VAE definition algorithm (specifically day 1 of the required ≥ 2 -day period of worsening oxygenation following a ≥ 2 -day period of stability or improvement on the ventilator).
 - **NOTE:** The “date of event” is NOT the date on which all VAE criteria have been met. It is the first day (of a ≥ 2 -day period) on which either of the worsening oxygenation thresholds (for PEEP or FiO₂) is met.

EXAMPLE: A patient is intubated in the Emergency Room for severe community-acquired pneumonia and admitted to the MICU (day 1). The patient stabilizes and improves on days 2-5, with a daily minimum FiO₂ of 0.35 (35%) on days 4 and 5. On day 6, the patient experiences respiratory deterioration, and requires a minimum FiO₂ of 0.60 (60%) on days 6 and 7, meeting the criteria for a VAC. The date of the VAC event is day 6.

Basic Definitions

- **VAE Window Period:** This is the period of days around the date of event (specifically the day of onset of worsening oxygenation) within which other VAE criteria must be met. It is usually a 5-day period and includes the 2 days before, the day of, and the 2 days after the VAE date of event (specifically the first day of worsening oxygenation, the day of VAE onset).
 - In cases where the VAE date of event corresponds to MV day 3 or day 4, the window period described above may only be a 3-day or a 4-day window, because it can NOT include any days before the 3rd day of MV.

Basic Definitions

- **14-day Event Period:** VAEs are defined by a 14-day period, starting on the day of onset of worsening oxygenation (the date of event, day 1). A new VAE cannot be identified or reported until this 14-day period has elapsed.

Basic Definitions

- **New Antimicrobial Agent: Defined as any agent listed that is initiated on or after the third calendar day of mechanical ventilation AND in the VAE Window Period. The agent is considered new for the purposes of this definition if it was NOT given to the patient on either of the 2 days preceding the current start date.**
 - **The antimicrobial agent(s) must have been given by one of the routes of administration outlined, and therapy with one or more new antimicrobial agents must be continued for at least 4 calendar days.**

Basic Definitions

Appendix. List of Antimicrobial Agents Eligible for IVAC, PVAP

| Antimicrobial Agent |
|-------------------------------|
| AMIKACIN |
| AMPHOTERICIN B |
| AMPHOTERICIN B LIPOSOMAL |
| AMPICILLIN |
| AMPICILLIN/SULBACTAM |
| ANIDULAFUNGIN |
| AZITHROMYCIN |
| AZTREONAM |
| BALOXAVIR MARBOXIL |
| CASPOFUNGIN |
| CEFAZOLIN |
| CEFEPIME |
| CEFIDEROCOL |
| CEFOTAXIME |
| CEFOTETAN |
| CEFOXITIN |
| CEFTAROLINE |
| CEFTAZIDIME |
| CEFTAZIDIME/AVIBACTAM |
| CEFTOLOZANE/TAZOBACTAM |
| CEFTRIAZONE |
| CEFUROXIME |
| CIPROFLOXACIN |
| CLARITHROMYCIN |
| CLINDAMYCIN |
| COLISTIMETHATE |
| DALBAVANCIN |
| DELAFLXACIN |
| DOXYCYCLINE |
| ERAVACYCLINE |
| ERTAPENEM |
| FLUCONAZOLE |
| FOSFOMYCIN |
| GENTAMICIN |
| IMIPENEM/CILASTATIN |
| IMIPENEM/CILASTATIN/RELBACTAM |

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| ISAVUCONAZONIUM |
| ITRACONAZOLE |
| LEFAMULIN |
| LEVOFLOXACIN |
| LINEZOLID |
| MEROPENEM |
| MEROPENEM/VABORBACTAM |
| METRONIDAZOLE |
| MICAFUNGIN |
| MINOCYCLINE |
| MOLNUPIRAVIR |
| MOXIFLOXACIN |
| NAFCILLIN |
| NIRMATRELVIR (includes NIRMATRELVIR/RITONAVIR) |
| OMADACYCLINE |
| ORITAVANCIN |
| OSELTAMIVIR |
| OXACILLIN |
| PENICILLIN G |
| PERAMIVIR |
| PIPERACILLIN/TAZOBACTAM |
| PLAZOMICIN |
| POLYMYXIN B |
| POSACONAZOLE |
| REMDESIVIR |
| REZAFUNGIN *added for 2024 |
| RIFAMPIN |
| SULBACTAM/DURLOBACTAM *added for 2024 |
| SULFAMETHOXAZOLE/TRIMETHOPRIM |
| TEDIZOLID |
| TELAVANCIN |
| TETRACYCLINE |
| TIGECYCLINE |
| TOBRAMYCIN |
| VANCOMYCIN, intravenous only |
| VORICONAZOLE |
| ZANAMIVIR |

Basic Definitions

Table 1: Definitions of routes of administration

| Route of Administration ^a | Definition ^b |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Intravenous | An intravascular route that begins with a vein. |
| Intramuscular | A route that begins within a muscle. |
| Digestive Tract | A route that begins anywhere in the digestive tract extending from the mouth through rectum. |
| Respiratory Tract | A route that begins within the respiratory tract, including the oropharynx and nasopharynx. |

^aOther routes of administration are excluded (for example, antibiotic locks, intraperitoneal, intraventricular, irrigation, topical).

^bDefinitions per SNOMED Reference Terminology

Basic Definitions

- **Qualifying Antimicrobial Day (QAD):** A day on which the patient was administered an antimicrobial agent that was determined to be “new” within the VAE Window Period. Days on which a new antimicrobial agent is administered count as QADs. Days between administrations of a new antimicrobial agent also count as QADs if there is a gap of no more than 1 calendar day between administrations. By contrast, days between administrations of different antimicrobial agents do NOT count as QADs.

EXAMPLE: A patient is intubated and mechanically ventilated on hospital day 1 in the MSICU. Ceftriaxone and azithromycin are started on day 1 and administered daily. After 3 days of improving respiratory status, the patient’s oxygenation deteriorates on days 4 and 5, with a daily minimum PEEP that is 4 cmH₂O higher than it was on days 2 and 3. Criteria for the VAC definition are met; the date of the event is hospital day 4. Ceftriaxone is discontinued and meropenem is begun on day 5. Azithromycin is continued. In this case, meropenem is a new antimicrobial agent: 1) it was begun on day 5 of mechanical ventilation, and 2) within the VAE Window Period (on the day after VAE onset), and 3) it was not given to the patient on either of the 2 days preceding the current start date. By contrast, ceftriaxone and azithromycin would not be considered new antimicrobial agents, since they were begun on day 1 of mechanical ventilation and continued daily into the VAE Window Period.



Denominator Data

Data Entry

- **Denominator Data Collected:**
 - Patient Days
 - Device Days
- **Optional Denominator Data:**
 - **Episodes of Mechanical Ventilation**
 - The EMV denominator is determined by counting all patients in the location who are on mechanical ventilation on the first day of the month regardless of eligibility for inclusion in VAE surveillance. Then, on each subsequent day of the month, count each additional patient that is started on mechanical ventilation.
 - This would include those that are admitted to the location already on mechanical ventilation, those that are newly ventilated, and any previously ventilated patients who have new episodes of mechanical ventilation occurring during the same month. The sum of the count for the first day and each subsequent day of the month is entered in NHSN.

Denominator Data

- **Denominator data collection options**
 - **Daily**
 - **Manual**
 - **Electronic (Post-validation: 3 months of \pm 5% of manual counts)**
- **For VAE:**
 - **NOTE: All ventilator days are counted, including ventilator days for patients on mechanical ventilation for < 3 days, and patients on high frequency ventilation and other therapies excluded from VAE surveillance. Patients with tracheostomies who are undergoing weaning from mechanical ventilation using tracheostomy collar trials are included in ventilator day counts if they spend some portion of the day on mechanical ventilation at a time that overlaps with the daily time during which ventilator day counts are performed.**
 - **NOTE: In addition to the total number of patients on ventilators on each day of surveillance, the number of patients on ventilators who are on the APRV mode of mechanical ventilation or related modes (which is a subset of all patients on ventilators) can optionally be indicated on the appropriate form (CDC 57.117 and 57.118).**
- **For PedVAE:**
 - **NOTE: All ventilator days are counted, including ventilator days for patients on mechanical ventilation for < 3 days, and ventilator days for patients on extracorporeal life support or paracorporeal membrane oxygenation who are excluded from PedVAE surveillance. Patients with tracheostomies who are undergoing weaning from mechanical ventilation using tracheostomy collar trials are included in ventilator day counts if they spend some portion of the day on mechanical ventilation at a time that overlaps with the daily time during which ventilator day counts are performed.**



Numerator Data

VAE Surveillance:

VAC → IVAC → PVAP

Exclusions

- **Patients on high frequency ventilation, extracorporeal life support, or paracorporeal membrane oxygenation are EXCLUDED from VAE surveillance during periods of time when the support is in place the entire calendar day.**
- **If the date of event is on or after the date of documentation of evidence of consent AND the patient is being supported for organ donation purposes, the event should not be reported as a VAE.**

Inclusions

- **Patients must be mechanically ventilated for at least 4 calendar days to fulfill VAE criteria (where the day of intubation and initiation of mechanical ventilation is day 1). The earliest date of event for VAE (the date of onset of worsening oxygenation) is day 3 of mechanical ventilation.**
- **Patients on Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) or related modes are INCLUDED, but when this mode is in use the VAE period of stability or improvement on the ventilator and the period of worsening oxygenation should be determined by changes in FiO₂ only, since changes in PEEP as indicated in this surveillance algorithm may not be applicable to APRV.**
- **Patients who are receiving a conventional mode of mechanical ventilation while in the prone position and patients who are receiving a conventional mode of mechanical ventilation while receiving nitric oxide therapy, helium-oxygen mixtures, or epoprostenol therapy are INCLUDED in VAE surveillance.**

HAI Definitions: (VAE) VAC

Patient has a baseline period of stability or improvement on the ventilator, defined by ≥ 2 calendar days of stable or decreasing daily minimum* FiO_2 or PEEP values. The baseline period is defined as the 2 calendar days immediately preceding the first day of increased daily minimum PEEP or FiO_2 .

*Daily minimum defined by lowest value of FiO_2 or PEEP during a calendar day that is maintained for > 1 hour.



After a period of stability or improvement on the ventilator, the patient has at least one of the following indicators of worsening oxygenation:

- 1) Increase in daily minimum* FiO_2 of ≥ 0.20 (20 points) over the daily minimum FiO_2 of the first day in the baseline period, sustained for ≥ 2 calendar days.
- 2) Increase in daily minimum* PEEP values of ≥ 3 cmH_2O over the daily minimum PEEP of the first day in the baseline period[†], sustained for ≥ 2 calendar days.

*Daily minimum defined by lowest value of FiO_2 or PEEP during a calendar day that is maintained for > 1 hour.

[†]Daily minimum PEEP values of 0-5 cmH_2O are considered equivalent for the purposes of VAE surveillance.



Ventilator-Associated Condition (VAC)

Practice Case 1

- Sutton is admitted on HD 1 for acute exacerbation of COPD and is intubated the same day. She continues to improve on the ventilator daily with PEEP values between 0 - 5 cm H₂O for HD 2 and 3 and FiO₂ values at .35 both days. On HD 4, her daily minimum PEEP increases from 5 cmH₂O to 8 cmH₂O while her daily FiO₂ remains at 0.35. The next day her daily minimum PEEP remains at 8 cm H₂O.**

| Hospital Day | Sign/Sx | DOE | Window Period | Event Period | Qualifying Abx Day |
|--------------|------------------|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Intubated (VD 1) | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | PEEP increased | | | | |
| 5 | PEEP increased | | | | |
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| Hospital Day | Sign/Sx | DOE | Window Period | Event Period | Qualifying Abx Day |
|--------------|------------------|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Intubated (VD 1) | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | PEEP increased | | | | |
| 5 | PEEP increased | | | | |
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VAC – DOE: HD 4

HAI Definitions: (VAE) IVAC

On or after calendar day 3 of mechanical ventilation and within 2 calendar days before or after the onset of worsening oxygenation, the patient meets both of the following criteria:

1) Temperature $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $< 36^{\circ}\text{C}$, **OR** white blood cell count $\geq 12,000$ cells/ mm^3 or $\leq 4,000$ cells/ mm^3 .

AND

2) A new antimicrobial agent(s) (see Appendix for eligible antimicrobial agents) is started and is continued for ≥ 4 qualifying antimicrobial days (QAD).

Infection-related Ventilator-Associated Complication (IVAC)

Practice Case 2

- Derek presents to the hospital for admission and is intubated on HD 1. He remains stable on the ventilator with PEEP of 3.0 cmH₂O and FiO₂ of 40%. On HD 4 he is noted to have a temperature of 38.6°C and is started on imipenem/cilastatin IV. On HD 5 his FiO₂ is increased to 60% and is increased again to 70% on HD 6.**

| Hospital Day | Sign/Sx | DOE | Window Period | Event Period | Qualifying Abx Day |
|--------------|------------------------|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Intubated (VD 1) | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | Fever | | | | |
| 5 | Worse FiO ₂ | | | | |
| 6 | Worse FiO ₂ | | | | |
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Practice Case 2

- Derek presents to the hospital for admission and is intubated on HD 1. He remains stable on the ventilator with PEEP of 2.0 cmH₂O and FiO₂ of 40%. On HD 4 he is noted to have a temperature of 38.6°C and is started on imipenem/cilastatin IV. On HD 5 his FiO₂ is increased to 60% and is increased again to 70% on HD 6.**

| Hospital Day | Sign/Sx | DOE | Window Period | Event Period | Qualifying Abx Day |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Intubated (VD 1) | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | [Dark Blue Block] | | |
| 4 | Fever | | | | |
| 5 | Worse FiO ₂ | [Red Block] | | [Dark Blue Block] | |
| 6 | Worse FiO ₂ | | | | |
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IVAC – DOE: HD 5

HAI Definitions: (VAE) PVAP

On or after calendar day 3 of mechanical ventilation and within 2 calendar days before or after the onset of worsening oxygenation, ONE of the following criteria is met (**taking into account organism exclusions specified in the protocol**):

- 1) Criterion 1: Positive culture of one of the following specimens, meeting quantitative or semi-quantitative thresholds[†] as outlined in protocol, without requirement for purulent respiratory secretions:
 - Endotracheal aspirate, $\geq 10^5$ CFU/ml or corresponding semi-quantitative result
 - Bronchoalveolar lavage, $\geq 10^4$ CFU/ml or corresponding semi-quantitative result
 - Lung tissue, $\geq 10^4$ CFU/g or corresponding semi-quantitative result
 - Protected specimen brush, $\geq 10^3$ CFU/ml or corresponding semi-quantitative result
- 2) Criterion 2: Purulent respiratory secretions (defined as secretions from the lungs, bronchi, or trachea that contain ≥ 25 neutrophils and ≤ 10 squamous epithelial cells per low power field [lpf, x100])[†] **PLUS** organism identified from one of the following specimens (to include qualitative culture, or quantitative/semi-quantitative culture without sufficient growth to meet Criterion #1):
 - Sputum
 - Endotracheal aspirate
 - Bronchoalveolar lavage
 - Lung tissue
 - Protected specimen brush
- 3) Criterion 3: One of the following positive tests:
 - Organism identified from pleural fluid (where specimen was obtained during thoracentesis or within 24 hours of chest tube placement; pleural fluid specimens collected after a chest tube is repositioned or from a chest tube in place > 24 hours are not eligible for PVAP)
 - Lung histopathology, defined as: 1) abscess formation or foci of consolidation with intense neutrophil accumulation in bronchioles and alveoli; 2) evidence of lung parenchyma invasion by fungi (hyphae, pseudohyphae, or yeast forms); 3) evidence of infection with the viral pathogens listed below based on results of immunohistochemical assays, cytology, or microscopy performed on lung tissue
 - Diagnostic test for *Legionella* species
 - Diagnostic test on respiratory secretions for influenza virus, respiratory syncytial virus, adenovirus, parainfluenza virus, rhinovirus, human metapneumovirus, coronavirus

[†] If the laboratory reports semi-quantitative results, those results must correspond to the quantitative thresholds. Refer to Table 2 and 3.

Possible Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (PVAP)

Practice Case 3

- **On HD 7, Derek had a positive diagnostic test on respiratory secretion for adenovirus.**

| Hospital Day | Sign/Sx | DOE | Window Period | Event Period | Qualifying Abx Day |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Intubated (VD 1) | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | Fever | | | | |
| 5 | Worse FiO ₂ | | | | |
| 6 | Worse FiO ₂ | | | | |
| 7 | Adenovirus Positive test | | | | |
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Practice Case 3

- On HD 7, Derek had a positive diagnostic test on respiratory secretion for adenovirus.

| Hospital Day | Sign/Sx | DOE | Window Period | Event Period | Qualifying Abx Day | |
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| 1 | Intubated (VD 1) | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | [Redacted] | | | |
| 4 | Fever | | | | | |
| 5 | Worse FiO ₂ | [Red] | | | [Redacted] | |
| 6 | Worse FiO ₂ | | | | | |
| 7 | Adenovirus positive test | | | | | |
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PVAP – DOE: HD 5
Pathogen: Adenovirus

HAI Definitions: PedVAE

Patient has a baseline period of stability or improvement on the ventilator, defined by ≥ 2 calendar days of stable or decreasing daily minimum* FiO_2 or MAP values. The baseline period is defined as the 2 calendar days immediately preceding the first day of increased daily minimum MAP or FiO_2 .

*Daily minimum FiO_2 is defined as the lowest value of FiO_2 documented during a calendar day that is maintained for > 1 hour.

Daily minimum MAP is the lowest value documented during the calendar day.

For patients < 30 days old, daily minimum MAP values 0-8 $\text{cm H}_2\text{O}$ are considered equal to 8 cmH_2O for the purposes of surveillance.

For patients ≥ 30 days old, daily minimum MAP values 0-10 cmH_2O are considered equal to 10 cmH_2O for the purposes of surveillance.



After a period of stability or improvement on the ventilator, the patient has at least one of the following indicators of worsening oxygenation:

- 1) Increase in daily minimum FiO_2 of ≥ 0.25 (25 points) over the daily minimum FiO_2 of the first day in the baseline period, sustained for ≥ 2 calendar days.
- 2) Increase in daily minimum MAP values of ≥ 4 cmH_2O over the daily minimum MAP of the first day in the baseline period, sustained for ≥ 2 calendar days.



Pediatric Ventilator-Associated Event (PedVAE)

Practice Case 4

- Drew, a 4 y/o boy is admitted and on HD 2 is intubated. From HD 2 to HD 5 his MAP and FiO₂ values steadily improve to 7 cm H₂O and 35% respectively. On HD 6, his MAP increases from 7 cm to 12 cm and then on HD 7 to 13 cm.**

| Hospital Day | Sign/Sx | DOE | Window Period | Event Period | Qualifying Abx Day |
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| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | Intubated | | | | |
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| Hospital Day | Sign/Sx | DOE | Window Period | Event Period | Qualifying Abx Day |
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| 1 | | | | | |
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| 6 | Worse MAP | | | | |
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PedVAE – DOE: HD 6



VAE Rate

VAE Rate

- **Rate of VAE per 1000 ventilator days**

- VAE Rate per 1000 ventilator days = $\frac{\text{No. of VAEs}}{\text{No. of Ventilator Days}} * 1000$

- **Rate of VAE per 100 episodes of mechanical ventilation (EMV)**

- VAE Rate per 100 EMV = $\frac{\text{No. of VAEs} * 100}{\text{No. of EMV}}$



Reporting VAE/PedVAE in NHSN

Reporting Events in NHSN



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Patient Information

Facility ID *: TDH Central (15813)

Patient ID *: 1234565

Secondary ID: [redacted]

Last Name: Duck

Middle Name: D.

Gender *: M - Male

Ethnicity: [redacted]

Race: American Indian/Alaska Native

Black or African American

White

Asian

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Event #: 13258951

Social Security #: [redacted]

Medicare #: [redacted]

First Name: Donald

Date of Birth *: 03/17/1977

Event Information

Event Type *: VAE - Ventilator-Associated Event

Date of Event *: 01/30/2014

Post-procedure: [redacted]

MDRO Infection Surveillance *: No, this infection's pathogen/location are not in-plan for Infection Surveillance in the MDRO/CDI Module

Location *: TRA - TRAUMA ICU

Date Admitted to Facility >: [redacted]

Risk Factors

Location of Mechanical Ventilation *: TRA - TRAUMA ICU

Date Mechanical Ventilation Initiated *: 01/20/2014 APRV *: Y - Yes

Event Details

Specific Event >: [redacted]

Secondary Bloodstream Infection >: [redacted]

Died **: N - No

Discharge Date: [redacted]

Pathogens Identified >: [redacted] If Yes, specify below ->

Custom Fields

NOTES: [redacted]

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Ventilator-Associated Event (VAE)

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| Facility ID: | Event #: | |
| *Patient ID: | Social Security #: | |
| Secondary ID: | Medicare #: | |
| Patient Name, Last: | First: | Middle: |
| *Gender: F M Other | *Date of Birth: | |
| Ethnicity (Specify): | Race (Specify): | |
| *Event Type: VAE | *Date of Event: | |
| Post-procedure VAE: Yes No | Date of Procedure: | |
| NHSN Procedure Code: | ICD-10-PCS or CPT Procedure Code: | |
| *MDRO Infection Surveillance: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, this infection's pathogen & location are in-plan for Infection Surveillance in the MDRO/CDI Module <input type="checkbox"/> No, this infection's pathogen & location are not in-plan for Infection Surveillance in the MDRO/CDI Module | | |
| *Date Admitted to Facility: | *Location: | |
| * Location of Mechanical Ventilation Initiation: | *Date Initiated: ___/___/___ | APRV: Yes No |
| Event Details | | |
| *Specific Event: <input type="checkbox"/> VAC <input type="checkbox"/> IVAC <input type="checkbox"/> PVAP | | |
| *Specify Criteria Used: | | |
| STEP 1: VAC (≥1 REQUIRED) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily min FiO ₂ increase ≥ 0.20 (20 points) for ≥ 2 days ¹ OR <input type="checkbox"/> Daily min PEEP increase ≥ 3 cm H ₂ O for ≥ 2 days ¹ ¹ after 2+ days of stable or decreasing daily minimum values. | | |
| STEP 2: IVAC | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature > 38°C or < 36° OR <input type="checkbox"/> White blood cell count ≥ 12,000 or ≤ 4,000 cells/mm ³ AND <input type="checkbox"/> A new antimicrobial agent(s) is started, and is continued for ≥ 4 days | | |
| STEP 3: PVAP | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criterion #1: Positive culture of one of the following specimens, meeting quantitative or semi-quantitative thresholds as outlined in protocol, ² <u>without</u> requirement for purulent respiratory secretions: <input type="checkbox"/> Endotracheal aspirate <input type="checkbox"/> Lung tissue <input type="checkbox"/> Bronchoalveolar lavage <input type="checkbox"/> Protected specimen brush OR <input type="checkbox"/> Criterion #2: Purulent respiratory secretions ² (defined in the protocol) <u>plus</u> organism(s) identified from one of the following specimens: ² <input type="checkbox"/> Sputum <input type="checkbox"/> Lung tissue <input type="checkbox"/> Endotracheal aspirate <input type="checkbox"/> Protected specimen brush <input type="checkbox"/> Bronchoalveolar lavage OR <input type="checkbox"/> Criterion #3: One of the following positive tests (as outlined in the protocol): ² <input type="checkbox"/> Organism(s) identified from pleural fluid <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic test for <i>Legionella</i> species <input type="checkbox"/> Lung histopathology <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic test for selected viral pathogens ² collected after 2 days of mechanical ventilation and within +/- 2 days of onset of increase in FiO ₂ or PEEP. | | |
| *Secondary Bloodstream Infection: Yes No | COVID-19: Yes No If Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected | |
| **Died: Yes No | VAE Contributed to Death: Yes No | |
| Discharge Date: | *Pathogens Identified: Yes No ³ If Yes, specify on pages 2-3 | |



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| Pathogen # | Gram-positive Organisms | Antibiotics |
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| Staphylococcus coagulase-negative <small>(specify species if available)</small> | CEFOX/OX S/RN | VANC S/RN |
| | _____ <small>Enterococcus faecium</small> | DAPTO S/S-DD NSR GENTHLI S/RN LNZ S/RN VANC S/RN |
| _____ <small>Enterococcus faecalis</small> | _____ <small>Enterococcus spp. (Only those not identified to the species level)</small> | |
| Staphylococcus aureus | CIPRO/LEVO/MOXI S/RN | CEFOX/METH/OX S/RN CEFTAR S/S-DD I R CLIND S/RN DAPTO S/RN DOXY/MINO S/RN GENT S/RN |
| | LNZ S/RN | RIF S/RN TETRA S/RN TMZ S/RN VANC S/RN |
| Pathogen # | Gram-negative Organisms | Antibiotics |
| Acinetobacter (specify species) | AMK S/RN | AMPSUL S/RN CEFTAZ/CEFOT/CEFTRX S/RN CEFEP S/RN CIPRO/LEVO S/RN COL/PB S/RN DOR/IMERO S/RN |
| | DOXY/MINO S/RN | GENT S/RN IMI S/RN PIPTAZ S/RN TMZ S/RN TOBRA S/RN |
| Escherichia coli | AMK S/RN | AMP S/RN AMPSUL/AMXCLV S/RN AZT S/RN CEFAZ S/RN CEFTAZ S/RN CEFOT/CEFTRX S/RN |
| | CEFEP S/S-DD RN | CEFTAVI S/RN CEFTOTAZ S/RN CIPRO/LEVO/MOXI S/RN COL/PB [†] S/RN DOR/IMIMERO S/RN DOXY/MINO/TETRA S/RN |
| Enterobacter (specify species) | ERTA S/RN TOBRA S/RN | GENT S/RN IMIREL S/RN MERVAB S/RN PIPTAZ S/RN TIG S/RN TMZ S/RN |
| | _____ <small>Enterobacter (specify species)</small> | AMK S/RN AZT S/RN CEFTAZ S/RN CEFOT/CEFTRX S/RN CEFEP S/S-DD RN CEFTAVI S/RN CEFTOTAZ S/RN |
| _____ <small>Klebsiella pneumoniae</small> | AMK S/RN | AMPSUL/AMXCLV S/RN AZT S/RN CEFAZ S/RN CEFTAZ S/RN CEFOT/CEFTRX S/RN CEFEP S/S-DD RN |
| | CEFTAVI S/RN | CEFTOTAZ S/RN CIPRO/LEVO/MOXI S/RN COL/PB [†] S/RN DOR/IMIMERO S/RN DOXY/MINO/TETRA S/RN ERTA S/RN |
| _____ <small>Klebsiella oxytoca</small> | GENT S/RN | IMIREL S/RN MERVAB S/RN PIPTAZ S/RN TIG S/RN TMZ S/RN TOBRA S/RN |
| _____ <small>Klebsiella aerogenes</small> | | |
| Pseudomonas aeruginosa | AMK S/RN | AZT S/RN CEFTAZ S/RN CEFEP S/RN CEFTAVI S/RN CEFTOTAZ S/RN CIPRO/LEVO S/RN |
| | COL/PB S/RN | DOR/IMIMERO S/RN GENT S/RN PIPTAZ S/RN TOBRA S/RN |

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Reporting Summary Data in NHSN



Denominators for Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Other locations (not NICU or SCA)

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Facility ID *: TDH Central (ID 15813)

Location Code *: MEDSURG - MEDICAL SURGICAL ICU

Month *: July

Year *: 2020

| Denominator Data | | |
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| | | Report No Events |
| Total Patient Days : | | |
| Central Line Days : | | CLABSI : <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Urinary Catheter Days : | | CAUTI : <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ventilator Days : | | VAE : <input type="checkbox"/> PedVAE : <input type="checkbox"/> PedVAP : <input type="checkbox"/> |
| APRV Days : | | |
| Episodes of Mechanical Ventilation : | | |

| Sample Values For Estimating Denominator Data | | |
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| Sample Central Line Days : | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sample Urinary Catheter Days : | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Upcoming Trainings

- **Webinars –**
 - **NHSN Analysis**
 - **Monday, February 26th, 10 a.m. CT**



Resources

NHSN Resources

- VAE: [VAE | PSC | NHSN | CDC](#)
- PedVAE: [PedVAE | PSC | NHSN | CDC](#)

- **Patient Safety Component Manual**
 - VAE: [Ventilator-associated Event \(VAE\)](#)
 - PedVAE: [Pediatric Ventilator-associated Event \(PedVAE\)](#)

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Next NHSN User Call

- **Monday, March 18, 2024**
 - 10am CT / 11am ET
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