



Tennessee Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Reporting Requirements for Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infections have been increasing in the community and healthcare facilities. MRSA infections can be severe and life threatening and are expensive. In the state of Tennessee, cases of invasive MRSA have been reportable to the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) since July 2004. Beginning July 1, 2010, certain facilities will be asked to also report MRSA-positive blood cultures for inpatients facility-wide and for emergency departments. For details on reporting requirements, please see the information provided below.

Who needs to report?	Beginning July 1, 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Acute Care Facilities, regardless of Average Daily Census (ADC) • Hospitals with an ADC of 25 or greater
What is reported?	<p><i>Numerator Data</i> All non-duplicate MRSA positive blood cultures (Laboratory-identified (LabID) events) as defined in CDC/NHSN Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO) protocol. Non-duplicate is defined as no previous positive within the last 14 days at the reporting facility.</p> <p><i>Monthly Denominator Data</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Days • Number of Admissions • Number of Emergency Department Encounters
Which units are included?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility-wide, inpatient • Emergency Department
How is it reported?	Using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) software application
For more information:	
Contact the Tennessee Department of Health, Communicable and Environmental Disease Services, Healthcare Associated Infections program at (615) 741-7247.	
NHNS MDRO Module	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/mdro_cdad.html
MDRO NHSN Protocol	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/12pscMDRO_CDADcurrent.pdf
MDRO NHSN Protocol Training	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/wc_mdرو_labID.html
MDRO Forms – Numerator	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57.128_LabIDEvent_BLANK.pdf Specimen Body Site/System code: CARD Specimen Source code: BLDSPC
MDRO Forms - Denominator	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57.127_MDROMonthlyReporting_BLANK.pdf