



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

Clostridium difficile or *Clostridium difficile* infections (CDI) have been increasing in the community and healthcare facilities, especially over the last few years. Treatment of patients with CDI is often challenging and infections can be severe and life threatening. Beginning July 1, 2010, The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) is requiring certain facilities to report all positive *C. difficile* laboratory assays for inpatients facility-wide* (with some exclusions) and for emergency departments. Additional reporting requirements exist for CDI related to the Emerging Infections Program; however, those requirements are not covered here. For details on *C. difficile* reporting requirements for HAI surveillance, please see the information provided below.

Who needs to report?	Beginning July 1, 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 <i>C. difficile</i> positive laboratory assays (Laboratory-identified (LabID) events) as defined in CDC/NHSN Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO) protocol. Non-duplicate is defined as no previous positive within the last 14 days at the reporting facility.</p> <p><i>Monthly Denominator Data</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Days* • Number of Admissions* • Number of Emergency Department Encounters
Which units are included?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility-wide*, inpatient • Emergency Department
How is it reported?	Using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) software application
*Exclude Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Well Baby Nurseries, Well Baby Clinics, and Outpatient Dialysis	
For more information:	
Contact the Tennessee Department of Health, Communicable and Environmental Disease Services, Healthcare Associated Infections program at (615) 741-7247.	
NHNS MDRO/CDAD Module	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/mdro_cdad.html
MDRO/CDAD I NHSN Protocol	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/12pscMDRO_CDADcurrent.pdf
MDRO/CDAD NHSN Protocol Training	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/wc_MDRO_CDAD_ISlabID.html
MDRO/CDAD Forms – Numerator	http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57.128_LabIDEvent_BLANK.pdf Specimen Body Site/System code: DIGEST Specimen Source code: STOOL
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