

California Hospital Internal Data Validation

Overview, Instructions, and Validation Forms

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This workbook contains all necessary information, instructions, and forms needed by hospital infection prevention program staff to successfully complete the CDPH HAI Program Validation process for 2023.

CDI	Clostridioides difficile Infection
CLABSI	Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
COLO	Colon Surgery procedure
HAI	Healthcare-Associated Infection
HPRO	Hip Prosthesis procedure
IP	Infection Preventionist
LIS	Laboratory Information System
MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant S. aureus
NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network
SSI	Surgical Site Infection

Important Acronyms and Abbreviations



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Overview

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program is offering data validation in 2023 to help hospitals assess the completeness of HAI case findings for CDI, CLABSI, bloodstream infections due to MRSA, and SSI's. This data validation has three primary objectives:

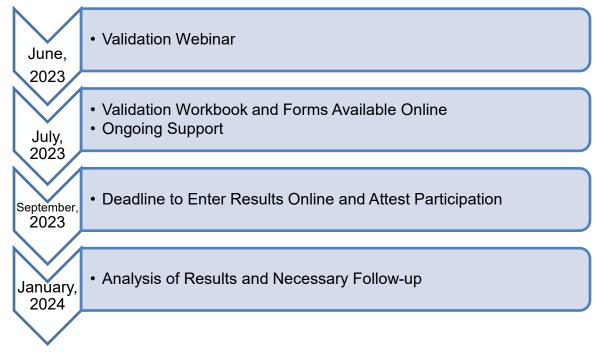
- 1. Gain a better understanding of hospital surveillance processes for case findings.
- 2. Assess understanding and application of NHSN protocols and definitions.
- 3. Improve quality and consistency of HAI surveillance and reporting, including the accuracy of mapping patient-care locations within NHSN.

Hospitals can benefit from all objectives of the validation process. Past validation projects have shown incomplete case finding in many California hospitals. By assessing HAI case finding in 2023, hospital infection prevention program staff will be able to review and refine their surveillance practices, as well as correct reporting errors discovered during validation.

Validation Information

While validation is a voluntary process, hospital participation or nonparticipation and follow **up will be noted in the annual CDPH HAI public report.** Attestation that your hospital has completed the validation and a summary of your 2023 validation results will be requested from each participating facility via an online survey.

This validation process is self-directed, but guidance is available from the HAI Program Validation Support Team, a multidisciplinary group with expertise in HAI data, reporting, surveillance, and prevention. The team can be reached at <u>HAIProgram@cdph.ca.gov</u>. "



Timeline



PREPARING FOR VALIDATION

The following reports must be prepared in advance for use during the validation process.

***Please note that data mining software programs are not appropriate for generating the type of information needed for this process:

CLABSI and MRSA BSI Validation

- Generate a report from your Laboratory Information System (LIS) containing all final positive blood cultures during the first quarter of 2023 (January 1 – March 31) from all inpatients and Emergency Department (ED) patients. This list should include:
 - a. Patient name and/or Medical Record Number (MRN)
 - b. Organism identified
 - c. Date of specimen collection
 - d. Location at the time of collection
 - e. Date of admission
- 2. Sort this list by patient name or MRN
- 3. Number each event and randomly select 20 patients to review.

CDI Validation

1. Generate a report from your LIS containing all **FINAL** positive *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. diff.*) test results (assay or PCR results) during the first quarter of 2023 (January 1 – March 31) from all inpatients and ED patients.

NOTE: Please use the <u>final</u> test result if your facility utilizes a multi-step testing approach for CDI reporting in NHSN.

This list should include:

- a. Patient name and/or MRN
- b. Date of specimen collection
- c. Location at the time of collection
- d. Date of admission
- 2. Sort this list by patient name or MRN

SSI Validation

- Identify all patients who had each of the two inpatient procedures (COLO, HPRO) performed in the first quarter of 2023 (January 1 – March 31). To do this, perform a "look back" using hospital billing data to find all patients with an <u>NSHN defined ICD10 surgical procedure code</u> (Excel) (www.cdc.gov/nhsn/xls/icd10-pcs-pcm-nhsn-opc.xlsx)
- 2. Save these procedure lists for your reference. Ensure every procedure identified has been reported to NHSN.
- 3. For each patient identified in STEP 1, use hospital billing data to identify the subset of patients that had one or more ICD diagnosis "flag" codes (please see Appendix A, Table 1) during the specified postoperative period. These flag codes identify patients that MIGHT have had an SSI and help determine which medical records to review for validation.
- 4. Your billing or medical records office needs to query the billing data to look for diagnosis flag codes during the index surgical admission and any admission up to:
 - i. 40 days after surgical procedure for colon surgery



- Note: This would include a review up to 5/10/2023 if a surgery was performed on the final day of the first quarter (i.e., 3/31/2023)
- ii. **100 days** after surgical procedure for <u>hip prosthesis</u>
 - Note: This would include a review up to 7/9/2023 if a surgery was performed on the final day of the (i.e., 3/31/2023)
- 5. Create a separate line list for each procedure type from the flagged procedures identified in STEP 3. Sort the lists by patient name or medical record number. The lists should contain the following:
 - a. Patient name and/or medical record number
 - b. The ICD code or codes flagging the record
 - c. Original procedure date
 - d. Discharge date of the original procedure
 - e. Date of readmission (if applicable)

NHSN Event Line List Reports

Using NHSN, generate event line lists for the first quarter of 2023 (January 1– March 31, 2023) for the following HAI types:

- a. CLABSI
- b. CDI
- c. MRSA BSI
- d. SSI (COLO, HPRO)

The Lists should contain the following:

- i. Patient name and/or MRN
- ii. Location at the time of collection
- iii. Date of admission
- iv. Date of event
- v. Organism identified (for CLABSI and MRSA BSI only)

Line List Examples

See the examples below regarding the required Line List format:

Patient Name	Medical Record	Organism	Location	Admit Date							
Lopez, Mary	243546	Enterococcus faecalis	2/2/23	MS2	1/17/23						
Doe, John	123456	<i>Staph. aureus –</i> methicillin resistant	1/17/23	ER	1/1723						
Doe, John	123456	Candida albicans	1/24/23	MS1	1/17/23						
Principle, Peter	132435	Klebsiella oxytoca	3/14/23	ICU	2/1/23						
Little, Joe	654321	Micrococcus sp.	2/21/23	ICU	2/21/23						

Table 1. CLABSI Line List



Patient Name	Medical Record	Event Date	Location	Admit Date
Contrari, Mary	243546	2/2/23	MS2	1/17/23
Doe, John	123456	01/27/23	MS1	1/17/23
Doe, John	123456	01/30/23	MS1	1/17/23
Principle, Peter	132435	3/14/23	ICU	2/1/23
Smoe, Joe	654321	2/21/23	ER	2/21/23

Table 2. Positive C. diff Test

Table 3. Colo Flag Codes

Patient Name	Medical Record	ICD10 "Flag" Codes	Procedure Date	Discharge Date
Contrari, Mary	243546	998.59	2/2/23	1/17/23
Doe, John	123456	998.59, 54.19	1/24/23	1/17/23
Doe, Jane	234561	998.32	1/24/23	1/17/23
Principle, Peter	132435	998.32, 567.29, 54.11	3/14/23	2/1/23
Smoe, Joe	654321	998.31	2/21/23	2/21/23
Note: Some COLO	procedures may h	ave one or more flagged	d codes	



CLABSI VALIDATION INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1: Refer to the report generated from your laboratory information system containing all final positive blood cultures (**BC**) during the first quarter of 2023 (January 1 – March 31) from all inpatients and emergency department patients. Also refer to the NHSN line list of CLABSI Events reported by your hospital for the 3-month validation review period (January - March 2023).

STEP 2: Using the lab line list sorted by name, number each positive blood culture on your lab line list as 1, 2, etc. (number each one individually, not as BSI events or clusters)

To determine which blood cultures to review:

- If the number of blood cultures is **>0 and ≤20**, number all blood cultures 1 through 20 (as appropriate)
- If the number of blood cultures is **>20**, divide the total by 20 (total **BC**/20= *n*), and select every *n*th event for review, numbering 1 through 20

STEP 3: Indicate the total number of positive blood cultures _____

Indicate the number of positive, separate BSI events* _____ [Include in CLABSI Review]

***Event =** "Cluster" of positive blood cultures near same date for same patient counts as 1 event; single positive blood cultures also count as 1 event

STEP 4: Enter each positive culture (e.g., 1, 2) to the corresponding CLABSI Validation Form (**Form 1**) in Appendix B. Make sure to include the date the specimen was collected.

STEP 5: From your lab line list, for **each** positive blood culture, indicate the hospital unit where the specimen was collected.

STEP 6: For each numbered blood culture, answer Question 1 (Q1) by referring to your NHSN line list. For cases reported to NHSN, record the NHSN Event number.

STEP 7: For each CLABSI event reviewed, determine that the location of attribution has been appropriately mapped in NHSN.

STEP 8: Using the patient information on the lab line list (i.e., name or medical record number), for each numbered blood culture, review each patient's medical record to verify your decision to report each case, or not report it, to NHSN. Carefully follow NHSN CLABSI protocols/definitions.

- For each blood culture **NOT** reported to NHSN (i.e., <u>Q1 answer is "No"</u>), indicate the reason why in the appropriate column. If the case should have been reported but was not, record it as missed and provide a reason.
- For each blood culture **Reported** to NHSN (i.e., <u>Q1 answer is "Yes"</u>), verify if the case met inpatient CLABSI criteria. If each case does meet the criteria, compare the specimen date, admission, and location as reported on the NHSN line list in order to verify accuracy. Next, check the box indicating the case was correctly reported. If the case was **reported in error**, indicate a reason for the error in the appropriate column.

STEP 9: Sum the columns and keep this form on hand as it will be used to populate the Summary of Findings form.

MRSA VALIDATION INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1: Refer to the report generated from your laboratory information system containing all final positive blood cultures (**BC**) during the first quarter of 2023 (previously used for CLABSI validation). Also refer to the NHSN line list of MRSA BSI Events reported by your hospital for the 3-month validation review period (January – March 2023).

STEP 2: Using the lab line list sorted by name, number each positive MRSA blood culture on your list as M1, M2, M3, etc. (number each blood culture individually, not as BSI events or clusters). To determine which blood cultures to review:

- If the number of blood cultures is **>0 and ≤20**, number all blood cultures 1 through 20 (as appropriate)
- If the number of blood cultures is >20, divide the total by 20 (total BC/20= *n*), select every *n*th event for review, numbering 1 through 20. Review maximum of 20 events only.

STEP 3: From the positive blood cultures, indicate:

The total number of MRSA positive blood cultures [Include in MRSA BSI Review]

STEP 4: Enter each positive blood culture (i.e., M1, M2) to the corresponding MRSA BSI Validation Form (**Form 2**) in Appendix B. Make sure to include the date the specimen was collected.

STEP 5: From your lab line list, for **each** MRSA positive blood culture, indicate the hospital unit where the specimen was collected.

STEP 6: For each numbered blood culture, answer Question 1 (Q1) by referring to your NHSN line list. For cases reported to NHSN, record the NHSN Event number.

STEP 7: For each MRSA BSI event reviewed, determine that the location of attribution has been appropriately mapped in NHSN.

STEP 8: Using the patient information on the lab line list (i.e., name or medical record number), for each numbered blood culture, review each patient's medical record to verify your decision to report each case, or not report it, to NHSN. Carefully follow NHSN MDRO LabID protocols/definitions.

- For each blood culture **NOT** reported to NHSN (i.e., <u>Q1 answer is "No"</u>), indicate the reason why in the appropriate column. If the case should have been reported but was not, record it as missed and provide a reason.
- For each blood culture **Reported** to NHSN (i.e., <u>Q1 answer is "Yes"</u>), verify if the case met inpatient LabID criteria. If each case does meet the MDRO LabID criteria, compare the specimen date, admission, and location as reported on the NHSN line list in order to verify accuracy. Next, check the box indicating the case was correctly reported. If the case was reported in error, indicate a reason for the error in the appropriate column.

STEP 9: Sum the columns and keep this form on hand as it will be used to populate the Summary of Findings form.



CDI VALIDATION INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1: Refer to the report generated from your laboratory information system containing all **FINAL** positive *C. difficile* test results (assays or PCR results; *please validate results from whichever CDI testing method is utilized as the final test result for reporting in NHSN*) during the first quarter of 2023 (January 1 – March 31) from all inpatients and emergency department patients. Also refer to the NHSN line list of CDI Events reported by your hospital for the 3-month validation review period (January – March 2023).

STEP 2: Using the lab line list sorted by name, number each positive *C. difficile* test result on your lab line list as C1, C2, C3, etc. (number each test result one individually, not as BSI events or clusters).

To determine which positive results to review:

- If the number of positive results is **>0 and ≤20**, number all blood cultures 1 through 20 (as appropriate)
- If the number of positive results is >20, divide the total by 20, and select every nth event for review, numbering 1 through 20

STEP 3: Indicate the total number of positive *C. difficile* test results _____ [Include in CDI Review]

STEP 4: Enter each positive result (e.g., C1, C2) to the corresponding CDI Validation Form (**Form 3**) in Appendix B. Make sure to include the date the specimen was collected.

STEP 5: From your lab line list, for **each** CDI test result, indicate the hospital unit where the specimen was collected.

STEP 6: For each numbered test result below, answer Question 1 (Q1) by referring to your NHSN line list. For cases reported to NHSN, record the NHSN Event number.

STEP 7: For each CDI event reviewed, determine that the location of attribution has been appropriately mapped in NHSN.

STEP 8: Using the patient information on the lab line list (i.e., name or medical record number), for each numbered test result, review each patient's medical record to verify your decision to report each case, or not report it, to NHSN. Carefully follow NHSN protocols/definitions.

- For each positive culture **NOT** reported to NHSN (i.e., <u>Q1 answer is "No"</u>), indicate the reason why in the appropriate column. If the case should have been reported but was not, record it as missed and provide a reason.
- For each positive culture **Reported** to NHSN (i.e., <u>Q1 answer is "Yes"</u>), verify if the case met inpatient LabID criteria. If each case does meet the LabID criteria, compare the specimen date, admission, and location as reported on the NHSN line list in order to verify accuracy. Next, check the box indicating the case was correctly reported. If the case was reported in error, indicate a reason for the error in the appropriate column.

STEP 9: Sum the columns and keep this form on hand as it will be used to populate the Summary of Findings form.



SSI VALIDATION INSTRUCTIONS

The 2023 SSI data validation has two objectives:

- 1. Assess surveillance practices to improve SSI case finding
- 2. Assess the accuracy of surgical denominator data elements reported to NHSN

Hospitals can benefit from both objectives of the validation process. Past validation projects have shown incomplete case finding in many California hospitals. By assessing SSI case finding in 2023, hospital infection prevention program staff will be able to review and refine their surveillance practices, as well as correct reporting errors discovered during validation.

Denominator data elements are known risk factors for surgical site infections and are used for risk adjustment when NHSN calculates standardized infection ratios (SIR). Reporting accurate denominator data elements allows NHSN to calculate more accurate SSI SIRs for your hospital. SSI validation will allow hospital staff to better assess their true SSI incidence, which is critical to measuring progress over time and directing prevention activities with greater confidence. The processes are designed to be easily incorporated into regular surveillance practices, so hospitals can sustain the gains made from validation.

Validation Process Summary

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- List all colon surgery and hip prosthesis procedures performed in the first quarter of 2023.
- Use postoperative ICD diagnosis "flag" codes to identify records with high likelihood of SSI for review.
- Review all identified records for SSI (*including subsequent admissions during the corresponding SSI surveillance period*).
 - Review the following denominator data elements for accuracy for all two procedures:
 - Surgical duration
 - Body Mass Index (BMI)
 - Wound Class
- Complete Validation Forms 4 5 in Appendix B
- Record final results and perform calculations in "Summary of Findings" section
- Submit data from Summary of Findings to the CDPH HAI Program via online submission form

In this section refer to the two flagged procedure lists and the SSI Event line lists produced in STEP 3 & STEP 4 of Preparing for Validation. You will also need to refer to NHSN procedure data.

STEP 1: To determine which procedures to review, for EACH of the two flagged procedure lists

- If the number of flagged procedures is **>0 and ≤10**, number all flagged procedures 1 through 10 (as appropriate)
- If the number of flagged procedures is >10, divide the total by 10, and select every nth event for review, numbering 1 through 10

Note: If the total number of records flagged for review (across both procedure types) are**_less than 20**, complete the Denominator Data Supplemental Validation Form (**Form 6**) in Appendix B.

STEP 2: Record the following data. You will include this in the Review of Findings section at the end of this workbook and report these numbers to the CDPH HAI Program.



	Total number of procedures in first quarter of 2023	Number of procedures identified through ICD "Flag" codes	Number of "Flagged" procedures reviewed for validation of given SSI type ¹
COLO			
HPRO			

¹NOTE: *Please do not include number of procedures reviewed during supplemental denominator data validation* in the third column, only enter the number of flagged procedures reviewed as a potential reportable SSI event within NHSN.

STEP 3: Enter each procedure identified and numbered in STEP 1 to the corresponding SSI validation form in Appendix B, filling in applicable information (i.e., date of surgery, etc.).

- Enter COLO SSI data in Form 4
- Enter HPRO SSI data in Form 5

STEP 4: For each procedure numbered in STEP 1, review each patient's medical record to verify your decision to report or not report an SSI to NHSN. Carefully follow NHSN protocols/definitions as defined in Chapter 9 of the Patient Safety Component Manual. Refer to the SSI Event line list and NHSN procedure data where necessary.

Complete the following sections in Forms 4 – 5.

- Was NHSN SSI criteria met? (If yes, indicate superficial, deep or organ/space SSI)
- Was SSI reported to NHSN? (If yes, indicate NHSN Event #)
- Was an SSI **Reported Correctly**? (i.e., the event met NHSN SSI criteria and was reported as an SSI prior to validation.)
- For those records where no SSI was reported to NHSN, indicate if:
 - Event did not meet NHSN criteria
 - OR
 - SSI was **MISSED** (i.e., did meet NHSN SSI criteria but was not reported)
- Record selected denominator data elements for each procedure type using both patient medical records and NHSN procedure data.
 - Note: To locate denominator data in NHSN you may choose to look up individual procedure records directly in NHSN. Another option is to produce an NHSN procedure line list with all necessary elements. Detailed instructions for doing this are available in Appendix C.
- Indicate if the denominator data were reported accurately (Table 4)

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	Data Element:	Accurate if:
	Duration	< 10-minute discrepancy
	Wound class	Wound classes agree
	BMI	< 1.0 BMI unit discrepancy

Table 4: Criteria for Accurate Reporting



STEP 5: Total the columns indicated at the bottom of each form. Keep this form on hand as it will be used to populate the Summary of Findings section.

STEP 6: Follow instructions in the Summary of Findings section to fill in the tables. We recommend populating each row in its entirety before continuing on in order to ensure data are reported for the correct procedure type. The tables and forms are color-coded for your convenience. Calculations can be rounded to the nearest whole number.

STEP 7: Submit your results from the Summary of Findings section to the CDPH HAI Program via <u>SurveyMonkey</u> (www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDPH_InternalValidation2023) online form. The link to the form will be made available July 3, 2023.



2023 Validation – Summary of Findings

CLABSI, LabID Data

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SSI HAI Data

Please enter data from cases reviewed that were identified with diagnostic "flag" codes only

Procedure Type	No. Of Flagged Procedures REPORTED Correctly as SSI event into NHSN prior to validation	FlaggedProceduresProceduresthat did NOTREPORTEDmeet NHSNCorrectly ascriteria as SSISSI event intoeventNHSN prior to		Total SSIs reviewed during validation that meet NHSN criteria	Case-finding Percentage
	A	В	С	Sum: A+C=T	(A/T)) x 100%
Example	3	5	1	3 + 1 = 4	3 /4 x 100% = 75%
	А	В	С	Т	
SSI COLO	A	В	С	Т	
SSI HPRO	A	В	С	Т	



2023 Validation – Summary of Findings

Summary of Surgical Denominator Data Elements

Report the number of procedures reviewed during validation (N) for each procedure type. Use the totals from the SSI Validation Forms in Appendix A (Forms 4-5), as well as the Supplemental Form 6 (if applicable) to fill in the indicated cells (marked D & E). Cells marked N/A are not applicable; write nothing in these. Calculate the percentage of surgical procedures with accurately reported denominator data using formulas below:

		B	мі	Dura	tion	Wound Class		
Procedure Type	No. of procedure s reviewed during validation	No. where BMI agree	Percent with accurate BMI	No. where duration agree (Discrepancy <10 min.)	Percent with accurate duration	No. where wound class agree	Percent with accurate wound class	
	N	D	D/N x 100%	E	E/N x 100%	F	F/N x 100%	
Example:	9	7	7/9 x 100% = 78%	8	8/9 x 100% = 89%	5	5/9 x 100%=56%	
COLO	N	D		E		F		
HPRO	N	D		E		F		
Supplemental Form	N	D		E		F		

Save this form; results will be submitted to the CDPH HAI Program via an online form



Next Steps

- Enter your Summary of Findings (**pages 14-16**) into the <u>online survey tool</u> (www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDPH_InternalValidation2023)
- Ensure the surveillance methods used during validation to identify and verify missed cases of HAIs during the first quarter of 2023 will be incorporated into ongoing surveillance practices.
- Hospitals with less than 85% case finding in a specific HAI category may want to consider repeating the validation process for the HAI using data from the third and fourth quarters of 2023.
- External validation will be conducted for a select number of hospitals during the third quarter of 2023
- Data will be aggregated and analyzed and results communicated on regional hospital IP calls and to the California HAI Advisory Committee
- Individualized validation reports to be shared with each hospital



Appendix A: Surgical Site Infection ICD-10 Diagnostic "Flag" Codes and Denominator Data Element Definitions

Colon Surgery	K63.0, K63.2, K65.0, K65.1, K68.19, K94.02, K94.12, L03.319, T81.31XA, T81.31XD, T81.31XS, T81.32XA, T81.32XD, T81.32XS, T81.40XA, T81.40XD, T81.40XS, T81.41XA, T81.41XD, T81.41XS, T81.42XA, T81.42XD, T81.42XS, T81.43XA, T81.43XD, T81.43XS, T81.44XA, T81.44XD, T81.44XS, T81.49XA, T81.44XD, T81.44XS, T81.49XA, T81.42XD, T81.42XS, T81.49XA, T81.42XD, T81.42XS,
Hip Prosthesis	T84.50XA, T84.50XD, T84.50XS, T84.60XA, T84.60XD, T84.60XS, T84.7XXA, T84.7XXD, T84.7XXS, T85.79XA, T85.79XD, T85.79XS, T81.40XA, T81.40XD, T81.40XS, T81.41XA, T81.41XD, T81.41XS, T81.42XA, T81.42XD, T81.42XS, T81.43XA, T81.43XD, T81.43XS, T81.44XA, T81.44XD, T81.44XS,
	T81.49XA, T81.49XD, T81.49XS T81.12XA, T81.12XD, T81.12XS

 Table 1: ICD10 Diagnostic "Flag" Codes by Surgery Type



Denominator Data Element Definitions

This appendix section contains explanations of the three denominator data elements being validated in 2023: duration, wound class, and BMI. Any text that appears in a box is a direct quote from Chapter 9 of the NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual. All other text is added by CDPH HAI Program staff for clarity.

Duration

The NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual definition for this element is:

<u>Duration of operative procedure</u>: The interval in hours and minutes between the Procedure/Surgery Start Time, and the Procedure/Surgery Finish Time, as defined by the Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors (AACD):

- Procedure/Surgery Start Time (PST): Time when the procedure is begun (e.g., incision for a surgical procedure).
- Procedure/Surgery Finish (PF): Time when all instrument and sponge counts are completed and verified as correct, all postoperative radiologic studies to be done in the OR are completed, all dressings and drains are secured, and the physicians/surgeons have completed all procedure related activities on the patient.

For validation purposes, duration recorded in NHSN and duration determined from medical record review should match exactly or have less than a 10-minute discrepancy in order to report "durations agree." The 10-minute discrepancy criterion was chosen for its relevance in risk adjustment models.



The NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual definition for this element is:

<u>Wound class</u>: An assessment of the degree of contamination of a surgical wound at the time of the operation. Wound class should be assigned by a person involved in the surgical procedure (e.g., surgeon, circulating nurse, etc.). The wound class system used in NHSN is an adaptation of the American College of Surgeons wound classification schema.

There are a group of NHSN procedures that can never be coded as clean. NHSN reached the decision regarding which NHSN operative procedures can never be classified as clean based on feedback from external experts in the field of surgery.

The procedures that can never be entered as clean are: APPY, BILI, CHOL, COLO, REC, SB and VHYS. Therefore, for these procedures in the application clean is not an option on the dropdown menu.

For all other procedures, clean is available as a choice and if the surgical team deems the procedure to be clean, it can be entered as such into the NHSN application. For example, HYST, CSEC or OVRY can be a clean wound class if documented as such. Wounds are divided into four classes:

 Clean: An uninfected operative wound in which no inflammation is encountered and the respiratory, alimentary, genital, or uninfected urinary tracts are not entered. In addition, clean wounds are primarily closed and, if necessary, drained with closed drainage. Operative incisional wounds that follow nonpenetrating (blunt) trauma should be included in this category if they meet the criteria.

Note: The clean wound classification level will not be available for denominator data entry for the following NHSN operative procedure categories: APPY, BILI, CHOL, COLO, REC, SB, and VHYS

- 2. **Clean-Contaminated**: Operative wounds in which the respiratory, alimentary, genital, or urinary tracts are entered under controlled conditions and without unusual contamination. Specifically, operations involving the biliary tract, appendix, vagina, and oropharynx are included in this category, provided no evidence of infection or major break in technique is encountered.
- 3. **Contaminated**: Open, fresh, accidental wounds. In addition, operations with major breaks in sterile technique (e.g., open cardiac massage) or gross spillage from the gastrointestinal tract, and incisions in which acute, non-purulent inflammation is encountered including necrotic tissue without evidence of purulent drainage (e.g., dry gangrene) are included in this category.
- 4. **Dirty or Infected**: Includes old traumatic wounds with retained devitalized tissue and those that involve existing clinical infection or perforated viscera. This definition suggests that the organisms causing postoperative infection were present in the operative field before the operation.
- 5. For validation purposes, wound class recorded in NHSN and wound class determined from medical record review should match exactly in order to report "wound classes agree."

Body Mass Index (BMI)



BMI is a data element calculated by NHSN using data entered in the height and weight field.

The NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual definitions for these elements are:

Height: The patient's most recent height documented in the medical record in feet (ft.) and inches (in), or meters (m).

<u>Weight</u>: The patient's most recent weight documented in the medical record in pounds (lbs.) or kilograms (kg) prior to or otherwise closest to the procedure.

BMI may be automatically calculated in hospital electronic medical records or recorded directly by hospital staff. If the **most recent BMI** at the time of surgery is not available, it may need to be calculated. Below are two options for calculating BMI:

1. Use an online BMI calculator:

If you are at a computer with internet access the easiest option is to use the BMI calculator

(www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/lose_wt/BMI/bmi-m.htm)

(Note: The metric BMI calculator asks for height in centimeters. If only meters are available, multiply by 100 to get centimeters.)

OR

2. Calculate by hand:

English Formula

$$\mathsf{BMI} = \left(\frac{weight(lb)}{height(in)^2}\right) x \ 703$$

Example<u>:</u> Weight = 165 lbs. Height = 5'7" (67")

$$\frac{165}{(67)^2}x\ 703 = 25.8$$

Metric formula

$$\mathsf{BMI} = \frac{weight(kg)}{height(m)^2}$$

Example: Weight = 74.8 kg Height = 170 cm (1.7 m)

$$\frac{74.8}{(1.70)^2} = 25.9$$

Note: If height is given in feet and inches, multiply feet by 12 and add remaining inches. Note: If height is only available in centimeters, divide height by 100 to get height in meters.

For validation purposes, BMI recorded in NHSN and BMI determined from medical record review should match exactly or have less than 1.0 BMI unit discrepancy in order to report "BMI agree." Less than 1.0-unit discrepancies are permitted as variations in calculations may result in slightly different BMIs.



Appendix B: Reporting Forms

CLABSI Validation Form 1 PublicHealth When the review is complete, please make all necessary corrections to your data in NHSN!																
-	Date of first positive blood		Hosp. Unit where specimen	Was	Q1. Event report NHSN	ed to	2d lay of day	If		wer is NO, c	omplete	this sectio	n:	t event ROR:		
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No.				YES	NHSN Event #	NO	NO central line >2d Or line not in place day event or previous day	Present on admission (and not discharged in previous 2 days)	Single +bld cx	2 +bld cx w/ in 2d but no S/S	Secondary BSI Primary site of infection	Exclusion Criteria	Should have been reported:	If Q1 answer is YES but event was reported in ERROR: Not a CLABSI	check box below	<u>in NHSN</u> , check box below
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140.	date		collected?	YES	NHSN Event #	NO	<14 days since last positive:	Should have been reported:	section: Does not meet	y, check box below:	<u>Mapped in</u> <u>NHSN</u> , check box below
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Lab List No.	Positive C. difficile specimen date	Admit Date		Was CDI	Event reported t	o NHSN?	Duplicate	MISSED	ERROR, complete section: Does not meet		occurred is <u>Accurately</u> <u>Mapped in NHSN,</u>
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Denominator Data Supplemental Validation – Form 6

When review is complete, please make all necessary corrections to your data in NHSN

If you have validated less than 20 total flagged surgical procedure records, please complete this **Supplemental** validation form.

- **Instructions**
- 1. Use the lists of procedures produced in STEP 1 of "Preparing for Validation.
- 2. Randomly select up to 10 procedures (across the 2 procedure types).
- 3. Look up and record all three denominator data elements as reported to NHSN.
- 4. Look up and record corresponding data from medical records.
- 5. Indicate where data agree.
- 6. Total the number of validated procedures and the number that agree for each data element.

Total

7. 7. Report totals in "Review of Findings."

		BMI			Duratior	ı	Wound class			
Procedure Type/No.	BMI as reported to <u>NHSN</u>	BMI from validation medical record review	BMI agree (Discrepancy < 1.0 unit)	Duration as reported to <u>NHSN</u>	Duration from validation medical record review	Duration agree (Discrepancy <10 mins.)	Wound class as reported to <u>NHSN</u>	Wound class from validation medical record review	Wound classes agree	
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Appendix C: Generating NHSN Procedure Line Lists:

 After logging in to NHSN, be sure you have generated a data set since your last data entry session. Click on Analysis→ Reports→ Advanced→ Procedure level data→ Line Listing All procedures → Modify Report

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	Line Listing - All Procedures
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https://phsp2.cdc.gov/ps/showApalysisReport.action#_Chart_All Procedures

Select output format "XLS" – this makes saving to your home drive easier to work with your data later if you wish.

2) Check "Show Description Variable Names"

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3) Fill in date variable for first quarter of 2023: ProcDateYQ: Beginning 2023YQ1→Ending 2023YQ31

Modify "Line Listing - All Procedures"												
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Enter Date variable/Time period at the time you click the Run button												

4) Go to tab "Filters" and select Add Rule and then select the two procedure codes from the dropdown box. Be sure "AND" is selected.

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5) Select tab Display Variables and select variables PatID, dob, gender, procCode, procID, procdate, procDurationHR, procedDurationMin, swClass, wtEnglish, htfeet, htinches, wtMetric, htMetric, BMI_val (select English or Metric depending on how your hospital report these data)

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6) Click **RUN** – Your data will appear similar to the following chart. You are now ready to compare denominator data entered into NHSN to what is in the patient's medical record.

dob	gender	procDate	procCode	BMI_val	htFeet	htinches	htMetric	swClass	wtEnglish	wtMetric	procDuration	procDuration
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1/1/60	F	1/23/23	COLO	19.69356	5	0	1.52	со	100.31	45.5	0	44
9/26/49	F	1/24/23	COLO	49.84391	5	1	1.55	D	264	119.75	0	30
8/13/59	Μ	1/26/23	COLO	24.83702	5	6	1.68	CC	154.54	70.1	1	30
9/26/49	F	1/27/23	COLO	54.31842	5	1	1.55	CC	287.7	130.5	1	6
5/18/89	М	1/7/23	COLO	36.57918	6	0	1.83	со	270.07	122.5	1	18
12/27/61	F	1/8/23	COLO	26.75853	5	2	1.58	со	147.27	66.8	0	28
12/27/61	F	1/9/23	COLO	30.44384	5	2	1.58	CC	167.55	76	0	54
11/12/42	F	1/11/23	COLO	27.43951	5	2	1.58	D	151.02	68.5	1	36
6/21/60	М	1/17/23	COLO	21.89164	5	5	1.65	CC	131.4	59.6	1	1
4/20/43	F	1/19/23	COLO	36.96499	5	6	1.68	CC	230.01	104.33	1	59
12/22/61	Μ	1/20/23	COLO	27.7686	5	5	1.65	CC	166.67	75.6	2	6
12/18/45	F	1/20/23	COLO	26.91406	5	3	1.6	CC	151.9	68.9	0	27
11/21/67	Μ	1/30/23	COLO	27.10744	5	5	1.65	CC	162.7	73.8	0	34
4/17/39	Μ	1/23/23	HPRO	28.06642	5	8	1.73	С	185.19	84	1	43
4/10/62	F	1/24/23	HPRO	24.0651	5	0	1.52	С	122.58	55.6	2	39
12/11/37	F	1/24/23	HPRO	25.08214	4	10	1.47	С	119.49	54.2	1	22
11/24/35	F	1/26/23	HPRO	21.79138	5	2	1.58	С	119.93	54.4	0	59
11/3/48	Μ	1/9/23	HPRO	40.29537	5	8	1.73	С	265.88	120.6	2	39
2/13/42	F	1/9/23	HPRO	34.8944	5	5	1.65	С	209.44	95	2	3
7/29/88	F	1/10/23	HPRO	36.10727	5	7	1.7	С	230.05	104.35	2	32
12/3/88	F	1/11/23	HPRO	15.37109	5	3	1.6	С	86.75	39.35	1	53
1/23/52	F	1/11/23	HPRO	31.52966	5	1	1.55	С	167	75.75	3	7
5/21/58	F	1/12/23	HPRO	25.29263	5	4	1.63	С	148.15	67.2	1	26
5/1/59	Μ	1/12/23	HPRO	34.72782	6	0	1.83	С	256.4	116.3	6	18
2/3/65	F	1/16/23	HPRO	30.29337	5	6	1.68	С	188.5	85.5	1	6
12/13/72	Μ	1/16/23	HPRO	27.69889	5	8	1.73	С	182.76	82.9	2	2
12/15/56	F	1/18/23	HPRO	35.3125	5	3	1.6	С	199.3	90.4	2	19
8/18/39	F	1/4/23	HPRO	26.01457	5	1	1.55	С	137.79	62.5	2	8