

HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

C. difficile Subcommittee Summary Report

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After brief discussion of the Jan 2009-Mar 2010 HACDI report, the group focused on recommendations for the next planned report, which would reflect the requirement for hospitals to use the NHSN Lab ID event module (effective since April 2010). Below are the recommendations and followup items identified.

1. For next HAI public report, recommend CDPH report Healthcare associated-Facility onset cases as numerator (as defined by positive CD test after 3 days of hospitalization) using NHSN- Lab ID protocol. (Unanimous vote - yes)

Pending: further discussion to establish denominator recommendation

3. Recommend rollup up annual rate for each hospital (not quarterly). (Unanimous vote - yes)

4. Recommend hospitals implement education and protocols to test only unformed stool for C difficile. (Unanimous vote - yes)

5. Recommend that type of C diff test used by facility be incorporated into CDPH report and that, for facilities that use two-step testing, only cases where both tests are positive be reported. (Unanimous vote - yes)

6. Recommend that CA hospitals use NHSN definitions for CDI case reporting and incorporate into pending AFL accordingly.

Pending: further discussion to resolve lack of consensus about requiring full reporting per NHSN protocols of all CD test results, including community onset, vs healthcare associated per CA mandate.

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