

Healthcare-associated infections NBEDS 2016-2021

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

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Registration status: [Health!](#), Standard 25/01/2018

DSS type: Data Set Specification (DSS)

Scope: The purpose of the Healthcare-associated infections National best endeavours data set (HAI NBEDS) is to support national monitoring of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), including *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia (SAB), in public hospitals.

HAIs are infections acquired as a direct or indirect result of health care.

HAIs are infections acquired in healthcare facilities ('nosocomial' infections) and infections that occur as a result of healthcare interventions ('iatrogenic' infections), and which may manifest after people leave the healthcare facility (NHMRC 2010).

The scope for this NBEDS is all public hospitals, including those hospitals defined as public psychiatric hospitals in the public hospital establishments National minimum data set. All types of public hospitals are included, both those focusing on acute care, and those focusing on non-acute or subacute care, including psychiatric, rehabilitation and palliative care.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: Hospital establishment

Guide for use: The following terminology is used in this NBEDS:

- A case refers to a patient episode.
- Surveillance arrangements refer to the particular arrangements in place in a hospital to identify potential HAIs, and to further determine whether a particular potential HAI is healthcare-associated. Surveillance arrangements are typically undertaken by infection control staff in collaboration with clinicians.

Collection methods: Data are collected at each hospital from patient administrative and HAI surveillance systems.

National reporting requirements

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated.

Financial years ending 30 June each year.

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Comments: This NBEDS currently only covers the collection of healthcare-associated patient episodes of SAB.

Almost all patient episodes of SAB will be diagnosed when the patient is an admitted patient. However, the intention is that cases are reported whether they were associated with [admitted patient care](#) or [non-admitted patient](#) care in public hospitals.

The total number of healthcare-associated *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia patient episodes attributed to a hospital can be derived by adding the number of healthcare-associated Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) bacteraemia patient episodes and the number of healthcare-associated Methicillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) bacteraemia patient episodes.

Glossary items

Glossary terms that are relevant to this National best endeavours data set include:

[Episode of healthcare-associated Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia](#)

[Geographic indicator](#)

[Hospital boarder](#)

[Newborn qualification status](#)

[Organ procurement–posthumous](#)

[Overnight-stay patient](#)

[Same-day patient](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council) 2010. Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare. Canberra: NHMRC.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Healthcare-associated infections NBEDS 2021–Health!](#), Qualified 16/03/2022

See also [Surveillance of healthcare associated infection: Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia NBPDS](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 15/11/2012

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N	Mandatory	1
2	Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Mandatory	1
3	Hospital—hospital name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
4	Establishment—Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia surveillance indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
5	Establishment—number of patient days, total N[N(7)]	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Patient days for [unqualified newborns](#), [hospital boarders](#), and [posthumous organ procurement](#) are excluded.

6	Establishment—number of hospital patient days under Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia surveillance, total days N[NNNNN]	Conditional	1
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Conditional obligation:

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'Yes' response to the [Establishment—Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia surveillance indicator, yes/no code N](#) data element.

7	Establishment—number of healthcare-associated Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteraemia patient episodes, total episodes N[NNNN]	Conditional	1
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Conditional obligation:

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'Yes' response to the [Establishment—Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia surveillance indicator, yes/no code N](#) data element.

8	Establishment—number of healthcare-associated Methicillin-sensitive Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA) bacteraemia patient episodes, total episodes N[NNNN]	Conditional	1
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Conditional obligation:

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'Yes' response to the [Establishment—Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia surveillance indicator, yes/no code N](#) data element.