

CLAB Scenarios for Interpretation

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CDC CLABSI Event definitions 4psc

- http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/pscmanual/4psc_clabscurrent.pdf

CDC HAI definitions 17psc

- http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/17psc_cNosInfDef_current.pdf

CDC Commensal organism list

- <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/library.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/xls/master-organism-com-commensals-lists.xlsx>

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LCBI present

CLAB present



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Which ward should the CLAB be attributed to ?	
Patient was on the ward on the day when the last element of the LCBI / MCI - LCBI occurred refer to 4psc "Location of attribution" p4-3 to 4-4	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → CLAB
Transfer rule all elements of LCBI / MCI - LCBI were present within 2 calendar days of leaving the ward.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → CLAB
Other ward does not have overnight patients (eg ED, OT) Haemodialysis under contract	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → CLAB CLAB
	name of other ward / clinical unit: → Attribute CLAB to other unit

CLAB Scenario Training Exercise

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	Case 5	Case 6	
Blood Culture Positive	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Organism	MRSA	<i>S. anginos</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	<i>Providenci</i>	<i>S. lugdunensis</i>	
HAI ? (\geq 2nd or 3rd day in hospital)	<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	No					
recognised pathogen/common commensal	pathogen	commensal	<i>n.a.</i>	pathogen	pathogen	pathogen	
gap between blood cultures < 1 calendar day		Yes					
matching commensal organisms		Yes					
clinical criteria for commensals		Yes					
mucosal barrier injury orgs							
HAI at another site	No	No	VASC	PNU1	No	Yes	
not VASC, PNEU1 or VAC							
Specimen from other site		Yes				Yes	
Matching organism from other site		No				Yes	
Date is while on ward or within 2 calendar days	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Other ward has overnight patients							
Conclusion	CLAB	CLAB	VASC	CLAB and PNU1	CLAB	SUTI	
	MRSA	<i>S. anginos</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	<i>P. stuartii</i>	<i>S. lugdunensis</i> and <i>E. coli</i>	

Case 1 of 6

1 July 2012

- A 67 yr old man with chronic airways disease is admitted to ICU with pneumonia. Rx amox/clav and erythromycin.

1 July

- Blood culture grows *S. pneumoniae*

3 July

- CXR shows empyema

4 July

- One set of blood culture grows MRSA. Second set is no growth. No other site of infection apparent.

6 July

- Nasal screening swab grows MRSA. No nose symptoms.


Case 1: Was there an LCBI ?

Note: The *S. pneumoniae* was present of the day of admission, so is not an HAI.

CLAB or NOT ?	Checklist				
	Each positive blood culture needs to be reviewed to determine whether it represents a CLAB. Note: it is not necessary to actively search for positive blood cultures from patients who have left the ward. (4psc page 4-1)				Enter information in each yellow cell
Is this a Laboratory Confirmed Bloodstream Infection (LCBI) ? or Mucosal Barrier Injury (MCI - LCBI) ?					
		No	Yes		
	Is there a positive Blood Culture ?		Y		
	Name of Organism:			Name of organism: MRSA	Not CLAB
	Is a Hospital acquired infection (on or after 3rd day in hospital)		Y		Not CLAB
	Is it a "Recognised Pathogen ? see CDC Master list on tab "CDC commensal orgs"		Y	LCBI 1	
	If it is a common commensal:				
	Are there two positive blood cultures ?				
	Is the gap between positive BC ≤ 1 calendar day ?				
	Are the two organisms the same ?			refer to 4psc p4-8 notes 4 & 5 name of second organism:	Not CLAB
	Are the clinical features criteria met ?				
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			Y		
				LCBI present	

Community acquired infections

*Device-associated Module
CLABSI*



Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Event

Introduction: An estimated 41,000 central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) occur in U.S. hospitals each year.¹ These infections are usually serious infections typically causing a prolongation of hospital stay and increased cost and risk of mortality.

CLABSI can be prevented through proper insertion techniques and management of the central line. These techniques are addressed in the CDC's Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (CDC/HIPAC) *Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections, 2011*.²

Settings: Surveillance will occur in any inpatient location where denominator data can be collected, which may include critical intensive care units (ICU), specialty care areas (SCA), neonatal units including neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), step down units, wards, and long term care units. A complete listing of inpatient locations and instructions for mapping can be found in the [CDC Locations and Descriptions](#) chapter.

NOTE: Surveillance for CLABSIs after the patient is discharged from the facility is not required. However, if discovered, any CLABSIs occurring on the day of discharge or the next day, should be reported to NHSN (see Transfer Rule). No additional central line days are reported.

Requirements: Surveillance for HAI CLABSI is performed in at least one inpatient location in the healthcare institution for at least one calendar month as indicated in the [Patient Safety Monthly Reporting Plan \(CDC 57.106\)](#).

Definitions:

Healthcare-associated infections (HAI): An infection is considered an HAI if all elements of a CDC/NHSN site-specific infection criterion were first present together on or after the 3rd hospital day (day of hospital admission is Day 1). For an HAI, an element of the infection criterion may be present during the first 2 hospital days as long as it is also present on or after Day 3. All elements used to meet the infection criterion must occur within a time frame that does not exceed a gap of 1 calendar day between elements.

Primary bloodstream infections (PBI) are laboratory-confirmed bloodstream infections (LCBI) that are not secondary to an infection at another site (see Appendix 1).

Secondary Bloodstream Infection (BSI) Guide and [HAI Definitions](#) chapter).

Date of event: For a BSI the date of event is the date when the last element used to meet the laboratory-confirmed bloodstream infection (LCBI) criterion occurred. Synonyms: infection date, date of infection.

Case 1: Was it a CLAB or another HAI ?

	No	Yes	
LCBI present			
Is there another proposed primary site of infection ?	No	Yes	
Localised to a vascular access site (VASC), clinical pneumonia without laboratory confirmation (PNU1), or ventilator associated condition (VAC or IVAC) ?	N		→ These can't be used as alternatives to CLABSI.
Localised to another site ?	N		Remains a possible CLABSI
Has a specimen been collected from the proposed other site ?		Y nose	→ Go to *
No spec collected. Can the other site CDC 17psc HAI definition be met without culture at the site ?			→ Go to #
No spec collected. Is the BC isolate is a "logical pathogen" at that site: (Appendix 1 p4-15 scenario 3)			HAI code for infection at other site: → Not CLAB
Has an organism been grown from the other site ?	N	Y	organism name at other site: MRSA
Does it meet CDC 17psc criteria for HAI at other site ?	N		HAI code for infection at other site: → Not CLAB
Proposed other site HAI definition can be satisfied by BC only Refer to CDC 17psc	N		HAI code for infection at other site: → Not CLAB
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ST-Soft tissue infection (necrotizing fasciitis, infectious gangrene, necrotizing cellulitis, infectious myositis, lymphadenitis, or lymphangitis)

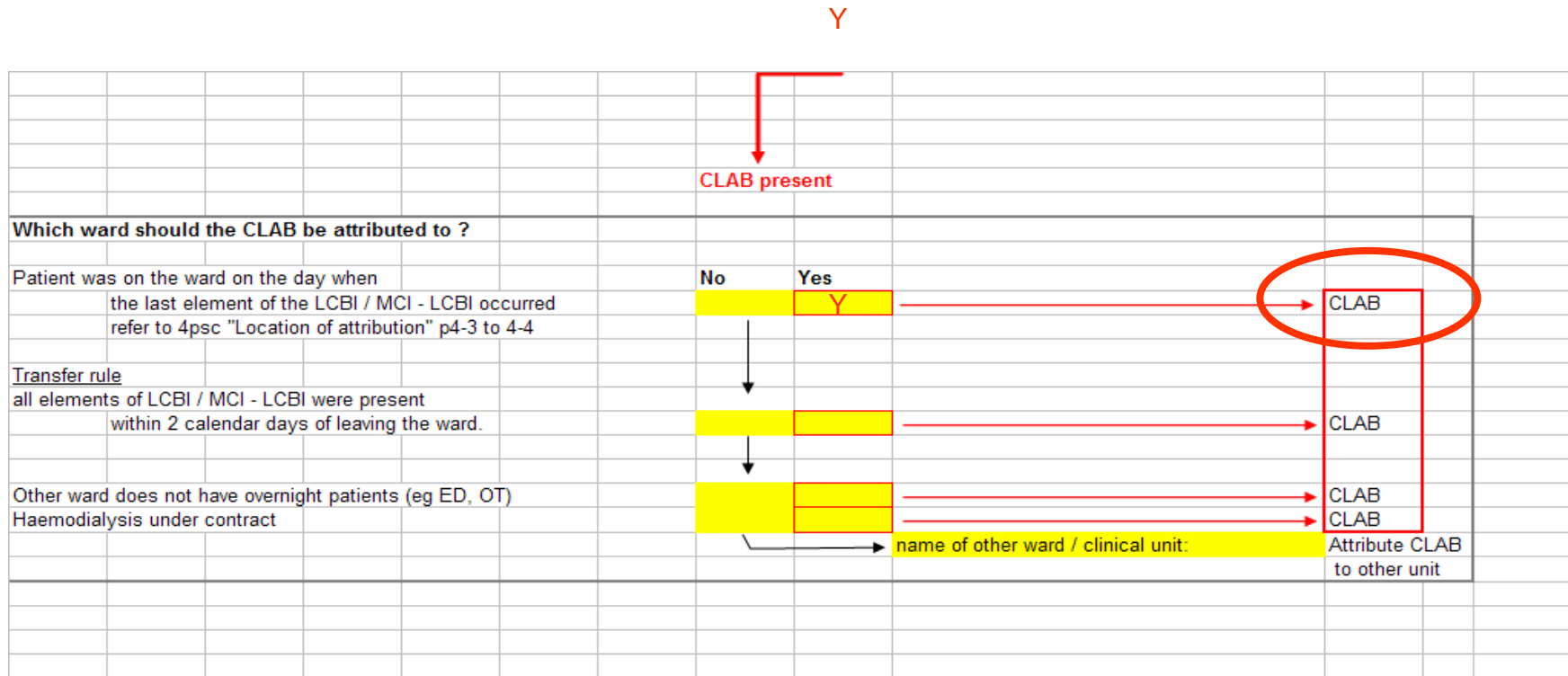
Soft tissue infections must meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

1. Patient has organisms cultured from tissue or drainage from affected site.
2. Patient has purulent drainage at affected site.
3. Patient has an abscess or other evidence of infection seen during an invasive procedure or histopathologic examination.
4. Patient has at least 2 of the following signs or symptoms at the affected site with no other recognized cause: localized pain or tenderness, redness, swelling, or heat
and
at least 1 of the following:
 - a. organisms cultured from blood
 - b. positive laboratory test performed on blood or urine (e.g., antigen tests for *H influenzae*, *S pneumoniae*, *N meningitidis*, Group B *Streptococcus*, or *Candida* spp)
 - c. diagnostic single antibody titer (IgM) or 4-fold increase in paired sera (IgG) for pathogen.

Reporting instructions

- Report infected decubitus ulcers as DECU.
- Report infection of deep pelvic tissues as OREP.
- Even if there are clinical signs or symptoms of localized infection at a vascular access site, but no other infection can be found, the infection is considered a primary BSI.

Location of attribution



Case 1 Overview

- The *S. pneumoniae* was a community acquired infection.
 - The requirement is for surveillance of HAI CLABSI (4psc p4-1).
 - The wording “*may be present during the first 2 hospital days as long as it is also present on or after Day 3.*” is unhelpful.
- For a recognised pathogen, just one positive blood culture is enough, even if other sets are no growth.
- The nasal swab without clinical signs of infection is not enough to diagnose an infection at another site (ST 17psc p17-5 & 44).
- Clinically, there would be uncertainty whether a central line infection was really present in this case.