

INDIANA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION BLOOD CULTURE CONTAMINATION VOLUNTARY REPORTING

Following review of the impact of contaminated blood cultures on patient care and outcomes, on March 7, 2023, the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) Council on Quality and Patient Safety supported the voluntary collection of blood culture data from members to determine the current state of the state to identify improvement opportunities.

IHA members are asked to lend aid by reporting data according to the NQF #3658 measure specifications, *Adult Blood Culture Contamination Rate; A national measure and standard for clinical laboratories and antibiotic stewardship programs* found [HERE](#). At a minimum, we ask for monthly data for Quarter 4 2022, but we welcome submission of 2023 data. The online submission form, [Blood Culture Contamination \(BCC\) Data Submission \(office.com\)](#), contains drop down options for reporting efficiencies. Below are the fields asked which take an average of 7 minutes to complete.

Blood Culture Contamination (BCC) Data Submission

Please complete this form with monthly BCC data with priority on Q4 2022 (Oct. – Dec.) which will serve as the baseline period.

NOTE: The National Quality Forum (NQF) endorsed measure #3658 measure numerator and denominator definitions are followed for this voluntary reporting.

* Required

1. Select your facility. *
Please select your facility. If the option you wish to select is not in the dropdown, please select the "Other" option at the bottom of the dropdown menu and type in your response.

Select your answer

2. First and Last Name *
Please enter your first and last name.

Enter your answer

3. Job Title *
Please enter your job title.

Enter your answer

4. Email Address *
Please enter your email address, preferably your work email address.

Enter your answer

5. Which month are you submitting for? *
Select your answer

6. Which year are you submitting for? *
Select your answer

7. Enter your primary measure numerator value. *
Total number of blood culture sets with growth of a commensal organism in only one blood culture set out of two or three blood culture sets collected.

Exclusions: Only a single set collected (must have two sets or more collected) within a 24-hour period, Patients less than 18 years of age.

The value must be a number

8. Enter your primary measure denominator value. *
Total number of all blood culture sets collected which are eligible to be considered for contamination per eligibility criteria.

Primary Measure Eligibility Criteria: Patients greater than or equal to 18 years of age, Patients may be present in any department of the hospital such as ICU, ED, inpatient floors, step down units. (No outpatients) At least two blood culture sets drawn in a 24-hour period.

Exclusions: Only a single set collected (must have two sets or more collected) within a 24-hour period, Patients less than 18 years of age.

The value must be a number

9. Comments
Optional - Comment section to share challenges and successes in addressing blood culture contamination.

Enter your answer

You can print a copy of your answer after you submit

Submit

Never give out your password. Report abuse

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Thanks!
Your response was submitted.

Print or get PDF of answers

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Questions regarding voluntary reporting or to request aid with data submission, contact Annette Handy, ahandy@IHConnect.org