NHSN Lower Respiratory Infection (LRI) Checklist

Documentation Review Checklist	
LRI- LOWER RESPIRATORY INFECTION, OTHER THAN PNEUMONIA	
LUNG-Other infection of the lower respiratory tract	
Element	**Element Met**
Other infections of the lower respiratory tract must meet at least ***one*** of the following criteria:	
1. Patient has organism(s) seen on Gram stain of lung tissue or pleural fluid or identified from lung tissue or pleural fluid (when pleural fluid was obtained during thoracentesis or initial placement of chest tube and NOT from an indwelling chest tube) by a culture or non-culture based microbiologic testing method which is performed for purposes of clinical diagnosis or treatment, for example, not Active Surveillance Culture/Testing (ASC/AST).	☐
2. Patient has a lung abscess or other evidence of infection (for example, empyema) on gross mic or histopathologic exam.	☐
3. Patient has imaging test evidence of abscess or infection (excludes imaging test evidence of pneumonia) which if equivocal is supported by clinical correlation, specifically, physician documentation of antimicrobial treatment for lung infection).	☐
Reporting instruction If patient meets LUNG and PNEU report as PNEU only, unless the LUNG is a surgical site organ/space infection, in which case, report both PNEU and SSI-LUNG.	