

Revised Summary of NHSN Updates for 2020 Patient Safety Component

Attached is a **revised** summary update for the NHSN Patient Safety Component specific to LCBI criteria. This revision provides guidance on the use of non-culture based testing methodologies (NCT) used to identify a laboratory confirmed bloodstream infection (LCBI).

Starting in 2020, the use of NCT methodologies is limited to LCBI-1 criterion. Due to the complexity of LCBI-2 and LCBI-3 definitions, NCT methodologies should no longer be used to meet these criteria. This revision **goes into effect on January 1, 2020. Until that time, the 2019 LCBI definitions should be followed.** Details regarding the 2020 revision are provided now to provide an opportunity to become familiar with the update. The revised summary update outlining these changes will be posted to the NHSN website.

Please review the updates and let us know if you have any questions, by writing to us at NHSN@cdc.gov.

We anticipate that the 2020 protocols will be posted to the website sometime in November, 2019. Notification will be made via email at that time.

Thank you for your partnership, and

Best Regards,

The NHSN Team