

# Demo Exercise: Rate Table

## Description:

This exercise provides an introduction to using the rate table in NHSN. The example will show you how to create and modify a CLABSI rate table, as well as how to read and interpret specific statistics provided in the output. While this example is based on a CLABSI rate table, similar options exist for CAUTI and VAP rate tables.

## Example:

You have been asked to prepare a report that provides a CLABSI rate for each half of the 2012 calendar year for your pediatric cardiothoracic ICU (22ICU). You need one CLABSI rate for the first half of 2012, and a second CLABSI rate for the second half of 2012.

### Answer the following questions:

1. What is the 22ICU's CLABSI rate for the first half of 2012?
2. What is the NHSN pooled mean rate for pediatric cardiothoracic ICU locations?
3. What is the calculated incidence density p-value that compares the 22ICU's CLABSI rate to the NHSN pooled mean in the second half of 2012? Explain what this p-value means.
4. What is the 22ICU's central line utilization ratio for the second half of 2012? Interpret this statistic.
5. What is the 22ICU's central line utilization percentile for the first half of 2012? Interpret this statistic.

## Creating a Rate Table:

To locate the ICU CLABSI rate table output option in NHSN, first click on the Analysis > Output Options from the left navigation bar. You will then find the CLABSI rate table under Device-Associated Module > Central Line-Associated BSI > CDC Defined Output > Rate Table-CLAB Data for ICU-Other. Select 'Modify' to the right of this output option.

**Patient Safety Component**  
Analysis Output Options

Expand All   Collapse All

- Device-Associated Module
  - All Device-Associated Events
  - Central Line-Associated BSI
    - CDC Defined Output
      - Line Listing - All CLAB Events   Run   Modify
      - Frequency Table - All CLAB Events   Run   Modify
      - Bar Chart - All CLAB Events   Run   Modify
      - Pie Chart - All CLAB Events   Run   Modify
      - Rate Table - CLAB Data for ICU-Other   Run   Modify**
      - Run Chart - CLAB Data for ICU-Other   Run   Modify
      - Rate Table - CLAB Data for NICU   Run   Modify
      - Run Chart - CLAB Data for NICU   Run   Modify
      - Rate Table - CLAB Data for SCA/ONC   Run   Modify
      - Run Chart - CLAB Data for SCA/ONC   Run   Modify
      - SIR - In-Plan CLAB Data   Run   Modify
      - SIR - All CLAB Data   Run   Modify



## Modification Page:

The option to use more descriptive variable labels was selected (recommended).

Select the time period of interest using SummaryYr, since we have an entire calendar year of interest (2012).

Use the selection criteria grid to set the location equal to the 22ICU.

In order to produce a single CLABSI rate for each half-year, select summaryYH as the Group By variable.

### Analysis Rate Table

**Analysis Data Set:** CLAB\_RatesICU Export Analysis Data Set

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**Modify Attributes of the Output:**

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Output Type: **Rate Table**

Output Name:

Output Title:

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**Select output format:**

Output Format:

Use Variable Labels

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**Select a time period or Leave Blank for Cumulative Time Period:**

Date Variable:  Beginning:  Ending:  Clear Time Period

Enter Date variable/Time period at the time you click the Run button

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**Specify Other Selection Criteria:**

[Show Criteria](#) [Column +](#) [Row +](#) [Clear Criteria](#)

location			
= 22ICU			

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**Other Options:** [Print Variable Reference List](#)

Group by:

Show Histogram

**\*For more information about how to edit the modifications page, please see the following Quick Reference Guides:**

Rate Table: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PS-Analysis-resources/PDF/RateTables.pdf>

How to filter output by additional criteria: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PS-Analysis-resources/PDF/SelectionCriteria.pdf>

How to filter data by time period: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PS-Analysis-resources/PDF/FilterTimePeriod.pdf>