

Healthcare-Associated Infections

Common Acronyms and Phrases Quick Reference

Organized by Topic

Antimicrobial Stewardship	
AMR	Antimicrobial Resistance
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AR	Antibiotic Resistance
Infection Prevention	
APIC	Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
HAI	Healthcare-Associated Infections
LTAC	Long-Term Acute Care
LTC	Long-Term Care
MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
SHARP	Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated and Resistant Pathogens
WHO	World Health Organization
National Health Safety Network	
CAD	Cumulative Attributable Difference
CAUTI	Catheter Associated Infection Urinary Tract Infection
CDI	<i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Infection
CL	Central Lines
CLABSI	Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COLO	Colon Surgical Site Infection
HPRO	Hip Arthroplasty Surgical Site Infection
HYST	Abdominal Hysterectomy Surgical Site Infection
IVAC	Infection-Related Ventilator-Associated Complication
KPRO	Knee Arthroplasty Surgical Site Infection
LTAC	Long-Term Acute Care
LTC	Long-Term Care
MBI-CLABSI	Mucosal Barrier Injury-Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection
MDRO	Multi-Drug Resistant Organism
NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network
PICC	Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter
SIR	Standardized Infection Ratio
SNF	Skilled Nursing Center
SSI	Surgical Site Infection
SUR	Standardized Utilization Ratio
UC	Urinary Catheters
VAE	Ventilator Associated Events
VE	Ventilators

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National Health Safety Network Continued	
vSNF	Skilled Nursing Center Caring for Ventilated Patients
Organisms, Mechanisms & Viruses	
<i>C. auris</i>	<i>Candida auris</i>
CDI or <i>C.diff</i>	<i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Infection
CP-CRE	Carbapenemase-Producing Carbapenem-Resistant <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>
CRAB	Carbapenem-Resistant <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>
CRE	Carbapenem-Resistant <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>
CRPA	Carbapenem-Resistant <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
ESBL	Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase
HAV	Hepatitis A Virus
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IMP	Imipenemase Metallo-Beta-lactamase
KPC	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> Carbapenemase
MCR	Mobile Colistin Resistance
MDRO	Multi-Drug Resistant Organism
MERS	Middle East Respiratory Syndrome
MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
NDM	New Delhi Metallo-Beta-Lactamase
OXA-48	Oxacillinase-48-Type Carbapenemases
TB	Tuberculosis
VIM	Verona Integron-Mediated Metallo-Beta-lactamase
VISA	Vancomycin Intermediate <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
VRE	Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus
VRSA	Vancomycin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
Organizations	
APIC	Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
MDHHS	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
SHARP	Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated and Resistant Pathogens
WHO	World Health Organization
Resistance Reporting	
AST	Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing
ELR	Electronic Laboratory Report
mCIM	Modified Carbapenem Inactivation Method
MHT	Modified Hodge Test