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HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS AND ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE PROGRAM
HAI Surveillance Definitions



LOWER RESPIRATORY INFECTION, OTHER THAN PNEUMONIA (LRI)

LUNG – Other Infection of the Lower Respiratory Tract

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DEFINITION: Other infections of the lower respiratory tract must meet at least **ONE** ☐ of the following criteria:

☐ Criterion 1: *(Last updated January 1, 2015)*

☐ Patient has **ONE** ☐ of the following:

☐ organisms seen on smear from **ONE** ☐ of the following:

- ☐ lung tissue
- ☐ pleural fluid*

☐ organisms cultured from **ONE** ☐ of the following:

- ☐ lung tissue
- ☐ pleural fluid*

(when pleural fluid was obtained during thoracentesis or initial placement of chest tube and NOT from an indwelling chest tube.)

☐ Criterion 2: *(Last updated January 1, 2015)*

☐ Patient has **ONE** ☐ of the following:

☐ lung abscess seen during **ONE** ☐ of the following:

- ☐ gross anatomic exam
- ☐ histopathologic exam

☐ other evidence of infection* seen during **ONE** ☐ of the following:
*(*e.g. empyema)*

- ☐ gross anatomic exam
- ☐ histopathologic exam

☐ Criterion 3: *(Last updated January 1, 2015)*

☐ Patient has imaging test evidence of **ONE** ☐ of the following:

- ☐ abscess
- ☐ infection

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS: *(Last updated January 1, 2015)*

- 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