

**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:** *(Revised January 1, 2018)*

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

- ☐ organism(s) seen on Gram stain from **ONE** ☐ of the following:[#]

- ☐ lung tissue
 - ☐ pleural fluid*

- ☐ organism(s) identified 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.*

[#]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)).

☐ **Criterion 2:** *(Revised January 1, 2018)*

- 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:

**for example empyema*

- ☐ gross anatomic exam
 - ☐ histopathologic exam




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□ **Criterion 3:** *(Revised January 1, 2018)*

- Patient has imaging test evidence **ONE**  of the following:
*(excludes imaging test evidence of pneumonia) which is equivocal if supported by clinical correlation
(specifically, physician documentation of antimicrobial treatment for lung infection).*

 abscess

 infection

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS: *(Revised January 1, 2018)*

- 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.