

## Infectious Diseases Society of America *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) Bacteremia Measure Set

This measure set with three measure concepts was previously developed by the IDSA Quality Improvement Committee and has been updated by the current Quality Measurement & Improvement Subcommittee. These measures are intended to assist IDSA members working in or with hospitals on quality improvement initiatives around Methicillin-Susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) bacteremia. IDSA is interested in feedback from members on the definitions, utility and other learning from these measures which can be submitted to [clinicalaffairs@idsociety.org](mailto:clinicalaffairs@idsociety.org).

<b>Measure Concept 1</b>		$\beta$ -lactam Antibiotic Use for Methicillin-Susceptible <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MSSA) Bacteremia
<b>Description</b>		For MSSA bacteremia, a $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic is the drug of choice in the hospitalized patient in the absence of a documented allergy or drug intolerance
<input type="checkbox"/> Established/Endorsed Measure	<b>Source</b>	
	<b>Link</b>	
<b>Measure Specifications</b>		
<b>Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Outcome <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<b>Numerator</b>	Patients from denominator treated with anti-staphylococcal $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic once isolate is identified as a methicillin susceptible organism
	<b>Denominator</b>	Hospitalized patients of any age with blood cultures that grow MSSA
	<b>Exclusion(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Patients with a documented allergy or intolerance to <math>\beta</math>-lactam antibiotics</li> <li>2. Patients who expire within 96 hours after the initial blood cultures(s) is obtained</li> <li>3. Concomitant infection with MRSA or VRE</li> </ol>
<b>IDSA Guideline(s)</b>		<a href="#">Staphylococcus aureus Bacteremia</a>
<b>Supporting Evidence (Top 3 – 5)</b>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chang FY et al. <i>S. aureus</i> bacteremia: Recurrence and the impact of antibiotic treatment in a prospective multicenter study. <i>Medicine</i> 2003; 82:333-9</li> <li>2. Lodise TP et al. Impact of empirical-therapy selection on outcomes of IVDU with infective endocarditis caused by MSSA <i>Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy</i> 2007; 30:398-408.</li> <li>3. Stryjewski M et al. Use of vancomycin or first-generation cephalosporins for the treatment of hemodialysis-dependent patients with MSSA bacteremia <i>CID</i> 2007; 44:190-6.</li> <li>4. Kim SH et al. Outcome of vancomycin treatment in patients with MSSA bacteremia <i>Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy</i> 2008; 52:192-7.</li> <li>5. Schweizer V et al. Comparative effectiveness of nafcillin or cefazolin vs. vancomycin in MSSA bacteremia <i>BMC Infectious Diseases</i> 2011; 11: 279</li> </ol>
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<b>Measure Concept 2</b>		Follow-up Blood Cultures for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteremia
<b>Description</b>		For hospitalized patients with <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteremia, at least one set of follow-up blood cultures should be drawn within 96 hours to document clearance or persistence of bacteremia
<input type="checkbox"/> Established/Endorsed Measure	<b>Source</b>	
	<b>Link</b>	
<b>Measure Specifications</b>		
<b>Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Outcome <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<b>Numerator</b>	Patients in the denominator with at least one additional blood culture performed within 96 hours after initial blood culture is obtained
	<b>Denominator</b>	Hospitalized patients of any age who have a positive blood culture that is obtained at any time during an inpatient hospital admission and reported positive for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
	<b>Exclusion(s)</b>	Patients who are discharged or expire less than 96 hours after the initial positive blood culture(s) is obtained.
<b>IDSA Guideline(s)</b>		<a href="#">Staphylococcus aureus Bacteremia</a>
<b>Supporting Evidence (Top 3 – 5)</b>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fowler V et al. Clinical identifiers of complicated S. aureus bacteremia. Arch Internal Med 2003; 163:2066-2072</li> <li>2. Khatib R et al. Persistence in S. aureus bacteremia: Incidence, characteristics of patients and outcome. Scandinavian J of Infectious Diseases 2006; 38:7-14.</li> <li>3. Hawkins C et al. Persistent S. aureus bacteremia: an analysis of risk factors and outcomes. Arch Internal Med 2007; 167:1861-1867</li> <li>4. Neuner E et al. Clinical, microbiologic, and genetic determinants of persistent MRSA bacteremia Diagn Micro and ID 2010; 67:228-233.</li> <li>5. Yoon Y et al. Predictors of persistent MRSA bacteremia in patients treated with vancomycin. J Antimicrob Chemotherapy 2010; 65:1015-1018</li> </ol>
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<b>Measure Concept 3</b>		Minimum Antimicrobial Therapy for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> Bacteremia
<b>Description</b>		For adult patients with <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteremia, the minimum duration of antimicrobial therapy is 14 days.
<input type="checkbox"/> Established/Endorsed Measure	<b>Source</b>	
	<b>Link</b>	
<b>Measure Specifications</b>		
<b>Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Outcome <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<b>Numerator</b>	Patients from the denominator who received 14 days or more of an anti-staphylococcal antimicrobial OR patients who were started on anti-staphylococcal antimicrobial therapy in the hospital and discharged less than 14 days after with documentation of prescribed continued therapy to 14 days
	<b>Denominator</b>	Hospitalized adult patients with one or more blood cultures positive for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> at any time during inpatient stay
	<b>Exclusion(s)</b>	Patients who expire less than 14 days from initial dose of anti-staphylococcal antimicrobial
<b>IDSA Guideline(s)</b>		<a href="#">PIDS/IDSA Guideline on Diagnosis and Management of Acute Hematogenous Osteomyelitis in Pediatrics</a>  <a href="#">Staphylococcus aureus Bacteremia</a>
<b>Supporting Evidence (Top 3 – 5)</b>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chong Y et al. Treatment duration for uncomplicated <i>S. aureus</i> bacteremia to prevent relapse: analysis of a prospective observational cohort study <i>Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy</i> 2013; 57:1150-1156.</li> <li>2. Jensen AG et al. Treatment and outcome of <i>S. aureus</i> bacteremia: a prospective study of 278 cases. <i>Archives of Internal Medicine</i> 2002; 162:25-32.</li> <li>3. Walker et al Risk factors for recurrence after <i>S. aureus</i> bacteremia: a retrospective matched case-control study. <i>J of Infect</i> 2009; 58:411-416;</li> <li>4. Thomas and Morris Cannula-associated <i>S. aureus</i> bacteremia: outcome in relation to treatment. <i>Internal Medicine Journal</i> 2005; 35:319-330</li> <li>5. Jenigan and Farr Short course therapy of catheter-related <i>S. aureus</i> bacteremia: a meta-analysis. <i>Ann Int Med</i> 1993; 119:304-311</li> </ol>
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