



Appendix 2

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Victorian Nosocomial Infection Surveillance System (VICNISS) Definition of Bloodstream Infections: Laboratory-confirmed bloodstream infection must meet at least one of the following criteria:

Criterion 1. Patient has at least one or more recognized pathogens cultured from one or more blood cultures and organism cultured from blood is not related to an infection at another site.

OR

Criterion 2. Patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: fever (38o C), chills, or hypotension (<90 systolic)

AND

Signs and symptoms and positive laboratory results are not related to an infection at another site

AND

*A common skin contaminant (e.g., diphtheroids, (corynebacterium spp) Bacillus sp.(not B.antracis), Propionibacteriumsp, coagulase-negative staphylococci(including S.Epidermis, viridians group streptococci, Aerococcus spp. or Micrococcus sp)) is cultured from two or more blood cultures drawn on separate occasions

Definition changed as of Oct 2011

Criterion 2 - common commensal instead of common skin contaminant.