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 (38°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), Propionibacterium sp, 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.