

C. difficile surveillance

Quarterly report

October - December 2016

Key points

- CD cases for hospital inpatients aged 15 years and over increased by 2%, from 61 to 62 episodes during October - December 2016 compared to July - September 2016.
- CD rate per 1,000 bed days increased by 1% during October - December 2016 compared to July - September 2016.
- CD reports for community patients aged 15 years and over decreased by 19%, from 43 to 35 episodes during October - December 2016 compared to July - September 2016.
- Total CD reports, CD hospital inpatients and community patients combined, aged 15 years and over, decreased by 17% during October - December 2016 compared to July - September 2016 (from 104 to 97 episodes).
- CD reports for hospital inpatients aged 15 years and over increased by 2% between the 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years.
- During July - September 2016 the most prevalent episodes for CD inpatients are 002 (17%), 019 (14%), and 001 (9%). Clostridium is not in the top 10 for the community are 002 (10%), 001 (9%), and 019 (8%) (Table 2).

For further information on surveillance in HCA, additional guidance is available. Please contact public.health@hca.govt.nz

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