Revised McGeer Criteria for Respiratory Tract Infection Surveillance Checklist

Long-term Care Facilities



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Type of Infection:			Infection Evaluated Criteria Met
Resident Name	MR#	Date of Admission	Resident Location (hall/room#)
Relevant findings (date of stool culture, urine culture, radiography etc.)		Date of ONSET of S&S	 ⊆ 2 calendar days = Community Acquired ⊃ 2 calendar days after admit = Facility Acquired
Date of Infection		Person completing for	m and date

	Upper and Lower Respiratory Illness Definitions		
Syndrome	Criteria	Comments	
Common cold syndrome or pharyngitis	 Must fulfill at least 2 criteria Runny nose or sneezing Stuffy nose or nasal congestion Sore throat, hoarseness, or difficulty in swallowing Dry cough Swollen or tender glands in the neck (cervical lymphadenopathy) 	Fever many or may not be present. Symptoms must be new and not attributable to allergies.	
Influenza-like illness (ILI)	Must fulfill both 1 AND 2 1. Fever 2. At least 3 of the following: Chills New headache or eye pain Myalgias or body aches Malaise or loss of appetite Sore throat New or increased dry cough	If criteria for influenza-like illness and another upper or lower respiratory tract infection (RTI) are met at the same time, ONLY the diagnosis of the influenza-like illness should be recorded. Due to increasing uncertainty surrounding the timing of the start of influenza season, the peak of influenza activity, and the length of the season, "seasonality" is no longer a criterion for definition of influenza-like illness.	
Pneumonia	MUST fulfill 1, 2, AND 3		

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	 Chest radiograph as demonstrating pneumonia or presence of a new infiltrate 	
	 At least 1 of the following: New or increased cough New or increased sputum production O₂ saturation <94% on room air or an reduction in O₂ saturation of >3% from baseline New or changed lung examination abnormalities Pleuritic chest pain Respiratory rate ≥25 breaths/min 	
	 3. At least 1 of the constitutional criteria Fever* Leukocytosis* Acute change in mental status from baseline* Acute functional decline* 	For both pneumonia and lower respiratory tract infection (RTI), exclude the presence of underlying conditions that could mimic the presentation of a RTI
 Lower respiratory tract (bronchitis or trachea- bronchitis) 	 MUST fulfill 1, 2, AND 3 1. Chest radiograph not performed OR negative results for pneumonia or new infiltrate 	 (e.g., congestive heart failure or interstitial lung disea by a review of clinical records and an assessment of presenting signs and symptoms.
	 2. At least 1 of the following: New or increased cough New or increased sputum production O₂ saturation <94% on room air or an reduction in O₂ saturation of >3% from baseline New or changed lung examination abnormalities Pleuritic chest pain Respiratory rate ≥25 breaths/min 	

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	Fever*	
	Leukocytosis*	
	Acute change in mental status from baseline*	
	Acute functional decline*	
	RTI criteria met	RTI criteria <u>NOT</u> met