

Questionnaire „Outbreak“ - 2015

Answers: 16

Spain 7

Italy 4

Belgium 2

Germany 1

Denmark 1

Romania 1

Question	Answers
Outbreaks are most of all caused	
- By only one or two causes	5
- By multiple causes	11
Typical reasons for outbreaks are	
- Construction problems like too small rooms and too many patients in a room	9
- Construction problems like too few single bed rooms and lack of isolation capacity	11
- Construction problems like not enough toilets	4
- Structure problems in leadership like different departments working together in one ward/ICU without clear leadership and big competition for beds	8
- Structure problems like one head (doctor and/or nurse head) but he/she does not care for problems	4
- Problems in cleaning: not enough cleaning staff and not enough time	10
- Problems in cleaning: cleaning staff not well trained	8
- Problems in cleaning: wrong cleaning equipment and cleaners/disinfectants	4
- Too low number of qualified nurses and(or doctors	4
- Not enough training and education of staff	10
- Deficits in hand hygiene	14
- Taking over of patients with high risks, especially from countries with high rates of multiresistant bacteria	5
- No information about carriage of multiresistant bacteria when patients are taken over from other healthcare facilities	9
- Ward doctors detected outbreak situation too late (not daily control of microbiologic results	7
- Microbiology lab detected outbreak situation too late	3
- Others: specify	1
If an outbreak is detected and outbreak management is good, how long should it be until you can say that the outbreak is stopped – that means, there may be still infected cases but no spread any longer:	
- One week	3
- One month	8
- 3 months	3
- 6 months	
- 1 year	
Please give some comment which germs cause outbreak how often (one answer for each germ) – sometimes/often/very often -	

MRSA	14/- /2
VRE	10 /- /1
ESBL (MRGN)	10 /6 /-
Carbapenemresistant gram negatives	9/7 /-
C.diff.	9 /4 /-
Norovirus	7 /3 /-
Rotavirus	8 /2 /-
Adenovirus	6 /1 /-
RSV	9 /1 / -
Influenza	8 /2 /-
fungi	5 /- /1
Others	2 /2 /-
Do you have the impression that the number of outbreaks is growing in last years?	
- Yes	5
- No	11
Are there national statistics available about outbreaks in your country?	
- Yes – if yes: can you give us some link:	3
- No	12
If yes, do these relate to	
- Hospitals only	5
- Community hospitals	3
- Nursing/care homes or LTCF	3
Are there national recommendations to build an outbreak management group within hospital in cases of outbreak?	
- Yes	8
- No	8
In your country, do all outbreaks have to be reported mandatory to state authorities	
- Yes	10
- No	6
In your country, is there a regulation or practice requiring an announcement of an outbreak to the public/media?	
- Yes	1
- No	15
Is there some sort of punishment in your healthcare finance system in case of outbreak?	
- No	16
Are outbreaks often a topic in your national media (tv, newspapers..)?	
- Yes	9
- No	6
Finally some questions about you, Are you	
- Doctor	14
- Nurse	2
- Other	1
Are you working in	
- Hospital	12
- Other institution or organization	3
- Comments	1