

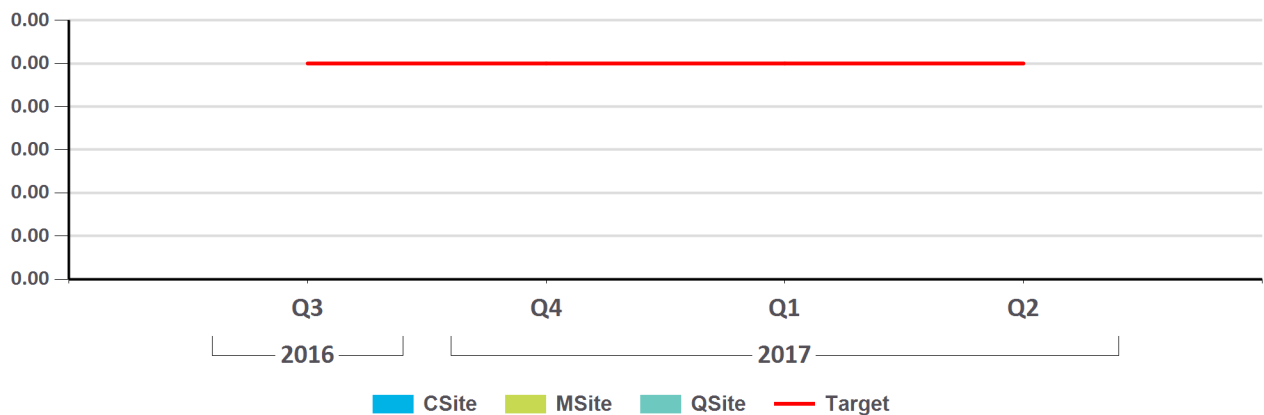
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci (VRE bacteremia)

Enterococci are bacteria found in the stomach and bowels of about 19 out of every 20 healthy people. They are also found in the vagina, the mouth and the throat, and on skin around the anal area. The bacteria can be present in or on the body, but not cause illness.

Enterococci can get into open wounds and skin ulcers, and cause infection. Less often, they can cause more serious infections of the blood or other body tissues.

Vancomycin is an antibiotic that is used to treat enterococcal infections. Some strains of Enterococci have developed resistance against vancomycin and are said to be Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci (VRE). VRE is one of a number of hospital-associated infections.

Rate of Hospital Acquired VRE bacteremia (per 1000 Patient Days)



VRE	2016		2017					
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
C Site	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
M Site	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Q Site	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0

Commentary:

IPAC remains vigilant in the detection and limiting the transmission of VRE bacteremia's through robust surveillance and practice improvements.