## INDIANA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION BLOOD CULTURE CONTAMINATION VOLUNTARY REPORTING

Following review of the impact of contaminated blood cultures on patient care and outcomes, on March 7, 2023, the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) Council on Quality and Patient Safety supported the voluntary collection of blood culture data from members to determine the current state of the state to identify improvement opportunities.

IHA members are asked to lend aid by reporting data according to the NQF #3658 measure specifications, *Adult Blood Culture Contamination Rate; A national measure and standard for clinical laboratories and antibiotic stewardship programs* found <u>HERE</u>. At a minimum, we ask for monthly data for Quarter 4 2022, but we welcome submission of 2023 data. The online submission form, <u>Blood Culture Contamination (BCC) Data Submission</u> (office.com), contains drop down options for reporting efficiencies. Below are the fields asked which take an average of 7 minutes to complete.

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