

Appendix 3. Bivariate Correlations and Regressions of Outcome Metrics with Core Elements Scores

2018 (N=48 DoD Hospitals)							2021 (N=47 DoD Hospitals)							
Core Element Score	Outcome Variable						Core Element Score	Outcome Variable						
	Spearman Correlation		Linear Regression		SAAR (n=41)			Spearman Correlation		Linear Regression		SAAR (n=32)		
	rho	p-value	coefficient	p-value	95% CI			rho	p-value	coefficient	p-value	95% CI		
Leadership	0.201	0.208	0.365	0.168	-0.161	0.891	Leadership	0.297	0.098	0.293	0.072	-0.028	0.614	
Accountability	--				--		Accountability	0.126	0.493	0.052	0.587	-0.142	0.246	
Pharmacy Expertise	--				--		Pharmacy Expertise	0.165	0.366	0.156*	0.010	0.041	0.272	
Action	0.225	0.157	0.505*	0.026	0.064	0.946	Action	-0.029	0.874	0.056	0.800	-0.393	0.505	
Tracking	-0.015	0.924	0.304	0.284	-0.261	0.868	Tracking	0.056	0.760	0.100	0.712	-0.450	0.650	
Reporting	0.184	0.250	0.293	0.115	-0.075	0.661	Reporting	0.139	0.448	0.190	0.585	-0.513	0.893	
Education	0.189	0.236	0.086	0.422	-0.129	0.302	Education	-0.265	0.144	-0.301	0.179	-0.748	0.146	
Overall Score	0.239	0.133	0.119	0.052	-0.001	0.238	Overall Score	0.040	0.827	0.022	0.682	-0.085	0.128	
CDI Incidence (n=46)														
Core Element Score	Spearman Correlation		Negative Binomial Regression				Core Element Score	Spearman Correlation		Negative Binomial Regression				
	rho	p-value	IRR	p-value	95% CI			rho	p-value	IRR	p-value	95% CI		
	0.173	0.251	15.791*	0.017	1.647	151.365	Leadership	0.032	0.862	2.591	0.374	0.317	21.156	
Leadership	--				--		Accountability	0.055	0.763	11.245*	0.000	4.129	30.624	
Accountability	--				--		Pharmacy Expertise	0.019	0.916	7.637*	0.000	3.429	17.009	
Pharmacy Expertise	--				--		Action	0.176	0.327	2.576	0.593	0.080	82.544	
Action	0.221	0.140	4.367	0.118	0.689	27.665	Tracking	0.420*	0.015	368.917*	0.001	11.156	12,199.330	
Tracking	0.317*	0.032	6.534	0.169	0.451	94.579	Reporting	-0.028	0.878	23.224	0.164	0.276	1,957.212	
Reporting	0.222	0.139	5.918*	0.001	2.065	16.959	Education	-0.262	0.141	2.246	0.421	0.314	16.077	
Education	0.216	0.150	2.654	0.072	0.917	7.684	Overall Score	0.060	0.741	1.973*	0.022	1.102	3.534	
ESKAPEE Incidence (n=46)														
Core Element Score	Spearman Correlation		Negative Binomial Regression				Core Element Score	Spearman Correlation		Negative Binomial Regression				
	rho	p-value	IRR	p-value	95% CI			rho	p-value	IRR	p-value	95% CI		
	0.071	0.641	12.224*	0.030	1.272	117.433	Leadership	-0.098	0.588	2.970	0.180	0.605	14.573	
Leadership	--				--		Accountability	0.067	0.712	3.207	0.110	0.768	13.393	
Accountability	--				--		Pharmacy Expertise	-0.093	0.606	1.651	0.164	0.815	3.342	
Pharmacy Expertise	--				--		Action	0.090	0.617	1.096	0.935	0.120	9.971	
Action	0.213	0.155	3.315	0.299	0.346	31.778	Tracking	0.286	0.106	19.301*	0.038	1.182	315.240	
Tracking	0.270	0.070	1.803	0.691	0.099	32.991	Reporting	-0.194	0.279	2.643	0.530	0.128	54.765	
Reporting	0.363*	0.013	5.307*	0.009	1.514	18.604	Education	-0.417*	0.016	1.814	0.487	0.338	9.726	
Education	0.086	0.572	3.957*	0.004	1.546	10.129	Overall Score	-0.034	0.851	1.379	0.134	0.906	2.099	
ESBLEc Incidence (n=46)														
Core Element Score	Spearman Correlation		Negative Binomial Regression				Core Element Score	Spearman Correlation		Negative Binomial Regression				
	rho	p-value	IRR	p-value	95% CI			rho	p-value	IRR	p-value	95% CI		
	0.049	0.748	23.729	0.083	0.658	856.368	Leadership	0.098	0.589	2.065	0.278	0.556	7.668	
Leadership	--				--		Accountability	0.219	0.222	7,604,453.000*	0.000	1,540,877.000	37,500,000.000	
Accountability	--				--		Pharmacy Expertise	0.152	0.398	Unable to run model, convergence not achieved				
Pharmacy Expertise	--				--		Action	-0.016	0.930	1.588	0.625	0.248	10.147	
Action	0.192	0.201	9.062	0.190	0.335	244.799	Tracking	0.195	0.278	13.455	0.166	0.341	531.284	
Tracking	0.211	0.160	4.231	0.489	0.071	252.730	Reporting	0.014	0.941	3.140	0.484	0.127	77.442	
Reporting	-0.011	0.943	7.490*	0.046	1.035	54.206	Education	-0.166	0.356	1.910	0.554	0.224	16.286	
Education	-0.009	0.951	2.879	0.230	0.513	16.172	Overall Score	0.048	0.793	1.693	0.188	0.773	3.710	
DTR Incidence (n=46)														
Core Element Score	Spearman Correlation		Negative Binomial Regression				Core Element Score	Spearman Correlation		Negative Binomial Regression				
	rho	p-value	IRR	p-value	95% CI			rho	p-value	IRR	p-value	95% CI		
	0.112	0.457	2.558*	0.009	1.260	5.196	Leadership	0.048	0.793	1.693	0.188	0.773	3.710	

Leadership	0.229	0.125	21.345*	0.006	2.381	191.358	Leadership	-0.098	0.590	1.984	0.330	0.500	7.866
Accountability	--				--		Accountability	0.080	0.657	2.340	0.278	0.504	10.857
Pharmacy Expertise	--				--		Pharmacy Expertise	-0.131	0.469	1.133	0.690	0.613	2.097
Action	0.167	0.268	4.449	0.144	0.601	32.943	Action	0.110	0.544	1.017	0.985	0.173	5.986
Tracking	0.255	0.087	2.838	0.427	0.217	37.134	Tracking	0.298	0.092	13.274*	0.027	1.348	130.676
Reporting	0.349*	0.018	5.957*	0.002	1.926	18.427	Reporting	-0.242	0.175	1.908	0.604	0.166	21.931
Education	0.130	0.389	3.581*	0.010	1.355	9.464	Education	-0.372*	0.033	1.603	0.554	0.336	7.646
Overall Score	0.296*	0.046	2.174*	0.000	1.443	3.275	Overall Score	0.051	0.779	1.270	0.212	0.873	1.848

Abbreviations: CDI= Clostridoides difficile (C. difficile) infections; CI= confidence interval; DoD= Department of Defense; DTR= difficult to treat resistant infections; ESBLec= Resistant Extended-spectrum Beta-lactamase (ESBL)-producing Escherichia coli (E. coli) infections; ESKAPEE= Resistant infections caused by ESKAPEE pathogens: Enterococcus faecium, Staphylococcus aureus, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Acinetobacter baumannii, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Enterobacter species, and Escherichia coli; IRR= incidence rate ratio; SAAR= Standardized Antimicrobial Administration Ratio

* Indicates statistical significance for that measure of effect ($p < 0.05$)

-- Unable to run model, all facilities met all Core Elements variables and had same scores