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2019

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Group A <i>Streptococcus</i>	Group B <i>Streptococcus</i>	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
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### Active Bacterial Core Surveillance (ABCs) Report Emerging Infections Program Network *Neisseria meningitidis*, 2019

**ABCs Areas:** California (3 county San Francisco Bay area); Colorado (5 county Denver area); Connecticut; Georgia; Maryland; Minnesota; New Mexico; New York (15 county Rochester and Albany areas); Oregon; Tennessee (20 counties)

**ABCs Population:** The surveillance areas represent 45,041,824 persons. Source: National Center for Health Statistics bridged-race vintage 2019 postcensal file.

**ABCs Case Definition:** Disease is defined as isolation of *N. meningitidis* from a normally sterile site or detection of pathogen-specific nucleic acid in a specimen obtained from a normally sterile body site, using a validated molecular test in a resident of one of the surveillance areas.

**ABCs Methodology:** ABCs personnel routinely contacted microbiology laboratories serving acute care hospitals to identify cases. Standardized case report forms that include information on demographic characteristics, clinical syndrome, and outcome of illness were completed for each identified case. Serogrouping of meningococcal isolates was done at CDC and state laboratories. Regular laboratory audits assessed completeness of active surveillance and detected additional cases. Disease rates were calculated using population estimates from the bridged-race vintage postcensal file. For national estimates of cases and deaths, race- and age-specific rates of disease were applied from the aggregate surveillance area to the age and racial distribution of the U.S. population for 49 states (excluding Oregon due to higher reported incidence rates of serogroup B and overall meningococcal disease). Oregon cases were added to obtain the national estimates. Cases with missing data, excluding ethnicity, were multiply imputed using sequential regression imputation methods.†

**ABCs Profiles**

Race	No.	Rate*
Black	16	0.19
White	43	0.13
Other	3	0.08
Total	62	0.14

\*Per 100,000 population for ABCs areas

**Syndromes**

Topic	Cases		Deaths	
	No.	%*	No.	%*
Meningitis	27	43.5	1	3.8
Bacteremia Without Focus	12	19.4	2	18.2

\*Percent of cases  
†Deaths per 100 cases with known outcome

**Rates of Meningococcal Disease in Adolescents and Young Adults†**

Serogroup	C/Y/W		Overall		
	Age (years)	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*
11-17		0	0.00	0	0.00
	18-22	0	0.00	3	0.11

\*Per 100,000 population for ABCs areas (excluding Oregon)  
†Rates including Oregon are, for 11-17 year olds, overall 0.03, serogroup C/Y/W 0.03; for 18-22 year olds, overall 0.10, serogroup C/Y/W 0.00 per 100,000 population in ABCs areas.

Category	B		C		Y		Other†		
	Age (years)	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*
<1		3	0.64	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
1		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.21
2-4		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
5-17		0	0.00	1	0.02	1	0.02	0	0.00
18-34		5	0.05	0	0.00	1	0.01	4	0.04
35-49		1	0.01	4	0.05	4	0.05	4	0.05
50-64		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01	4	0.05
65-74		3	0.08	1	0.03	2	0.05	4	0.11
75-84		0	0.00	1	0.05	2	0.11	2	0.11
≥85		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.13
Total		12	0.03	7	0.02	11	0.03	20	0.05

\*Per 100,000 population for ABCs areas (excluding Oregon)  
†Other includes serogroup W and non-groupables  
‡Unknown serogroup (n=2) distributed amongst known. All rates exclude Oregon. Rates including Oregon are of serogroup B: 0.03, C: 0.04, Y: 0.02, and Other: 0.05 per 100,000 population for ABCs areas.

**National Estimates of Invasive Disease**  
 Total Cases: 400 (0.12/100,000 population)  
 Deaths: 20 (0.01/100,000 population)  
 In 2019, 371 cases of meningococcal disease (confirmed and probable) were reported to the NNDSS, resulting in an incidence of 0.11/100,000 population. For more information on national incidence, view our Enhanced Meningococcal Disease Surveillance Report at <https://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/surveillance/index.html>.

**† Surveillance Note**  
 Missing race (n=12) data were multiply imputed using sequential regression imputation methods.

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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2019 Active Bacterial Core Surveillance Report, Emerging Infections Program Network, *Neisseria meningitidis*, 2019. [www.cdc.gov/abcs/downloads/NMEN\\_Surveillance\\_Report\\_2019.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/abcs/downloads/NMEN_Surveillance_Report_2019.pdf)