

## ABBREVIATIONS

BSI	Blood stream infections
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CAI	Community-acquired infections
CMI	Cell-mediated immunity
ECCMID	European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Control
ESBL	Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamases
ESCMID	European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
HCAI	Healthcare associated infections
HCW	Health Care Worker
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HPV	Human papillomavirus virus
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
LTCF	Long-Term Care Facilities (also Nursing Homes)
MBL	Metallo Beta-Lactamases
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
NOS	Nosocomial infection (hospital acquired)
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
QOL	Quality of life
SAB	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> Bacteraemia
VRE	Vancomycin-resistant <i>Enterococcus spp.</i>