

# Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)



Ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP) is defined as a pneumonia (lung infection) occurring in patients in an intensive care unit requiring external mechanical breathing support (a ventilator), intermittently or continuously, through a breathing tube for more than 48 hours.

Measure: The VAP rate is the number of ICU patients (18 years and older) with a new VAP per 1,000 ventilator days.

**VAP Rate**

