1367 episodes screened

328 episodes met inclusion criteria
- Age $\geq$ 18 years
- Blood culture positive for bacteria
- Patient admitted to hospital between 1/1/10 and 31/1/10 inclusive

155 episodes included

1039 Excluded:
- 207 Repeat blood cultures for same patient during same admission
- 1160 episodes did not meet inclusion criteria

173 Excluded:
- 121 Blood cultures contained likely contaminants
- 52 Patients discharged or transferred during acute illness or undergoing chemotherapy

117 Episodes of patients aged 18-80
38 Episodes of patients aged 80+