Medical ward patients 1995-2006, n = 179,917

Blood cultured during the first two days of admission, n= 35,673 (19.8%)

Hospitalized during the preceding 30 days, n = 6,084 (17.1%)

Patients without previous hospitalizations n= 29,589 (82.9%)

Nosocomial bacteremia, n = 159 (0.5%)  
Health care-related, n = 154 (0.5%)  
Unknown origin, n = 3 (0.01%)

Alive on the third day of admission, n = 29,273 (98.9%)

Negative blood culture, n = 26,625 (91.0%)  
Community-acquired bacteremia, n = 2,648 (9.1%)