

Appendix O

Threshold Numbers for Various Endemic Levels of Infection*

| Endemic Level | Threshold Number [†] | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Probability | | |
| | <i>P</i> = .10 | <i>P</i> = .05 | <i>P</i> = .01 |
| 0.5 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| 1.5 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 2.5 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| 3.5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| 4.5 | 7 | 8 | 10 |
| 5 | 7 | 9 | 11 |
| 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| 7 | 9 | 11 | 13 |
| 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 |
| 9 | 11 | 13 | 16 |
| 10 | 12 | 14 | 17 |

[†]Threshold number is the number of infections expected for a specific endemic level and probability level as calculated from the binomial distribution.

*Mylotte JM. Analysis of infection control surveillance data in a long-term care facility: use of threshold testing. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 1996;17:101-107.