

Reporting Pathogens: Synonym Search Tool

Starting 2024, Synonyms will no longer be displayed in pathogen dropdown lists. If you cannot find a pathogen on a dropdown list, it might be a Synonym to a Preferred Term on our existing list. Please open the [terminology browser application](#) in your web browser and take the following steps if you think the organism you are trying to report could be a Synonym:

1. Make sure you are on the “Terminology Search” tab.
2. Open the “Select a code set” dropdown list, and then select “NHSN Organisms (2024)”.
3. Type your term under “Search for”.
4. Click the “Search” button.
5. In the search results, click the term you are searching for.

The screenshot shows the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network Browser - Viewpoint interface. The 'Terminology Search' tab is selected. The search filters are: 'Select search type' set to 'Word begins with', 'Select a code set' set to 'NHSN Organisms (2024)', and 'Search for' set to 'enterobacter aerogenes'. The 'Search' button is highlighted. Below the search filters, there is a table with the following columns: Name, Alias Hit, Concept Code, Code Set, Retired, and View. The table contains one row for 'Enterobacter aerogenes' with an 'Alias Hit' icon, Concept Code '62592009', Code Set 'NHSN Organisms (2024)', and a 'View' link. The 'Advanced' checkbox is unchecked. At the bottom right, it shows 'Rows per page: 50' and '1-1 of 1'.

6. The corresponding Preferred Term will be displayed at the top of the new page. Find this term in the NHSN’s web application dropdown list.
7. Disregard “Aliases” content in lower left panel (unless you need the NHSN Local Code – see Appendix).

The screenshot shows the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network Browser - Viewpoint interface for the term 'Klebsiella aerogenes'. The 'Terminology Search' tab is selected. The search filters are: 'Select search type' set to 'Word begins with', 'Select a code set' set to 'NHSN Organisms (2024)', and 'Search for' set to 'Klebsiella aerogenes'. The 'Search' button is highlighted. Below the search filters, there is a table with the following columns: Name, Alias Hit, Concept Code, Code Set, Retired, and View. The table contains one row for 'Klebsiella aerogenes' with an 'Alias Hit' icon, Concept Code '62592009', Code Set 'NHSN Organisms (2024)', and a 'View' link. The 'Advanced' checkbox is unchecked. At the bottom right, it shows 'Rows per page: 50' and '1-1 of 1'.

The details page for 'Klebsiella aerogenes' (Concept Code: 62592009) is displayed. The page shows the following information:

- Code Set:** NHSN Organisms (2024) (Is Retired: ☐)
- Attributes:**
 - CC: No
 - MBI: Yes
 - UTI: Yes
- Aliases:**

Alias	Description ID	Language	Purpose
Enterobacter aerogenes	104036013	English-US	Alternate
Klebsiella aerogenes	2552359019	English-US	Alternate
Aerobacter aerogenes	104037016	English-US	Alternate
Klebsiella aerogenes (organism)	3686001010	English-US	Fully Specified Name
Klebsiella mobilis	3305978016	English-US	Alternate
EA		English-US	NHSN Local Code
Klebsiella aerogenes		English-US	NHSN Display Name
- Relationships (0):** There are no relations for this term.
- Mappings (0):** There are no mappings for this term.

Additional training will be available in mid-January 2024.

If you cannot find a term using our browser, please send an email to the NHSN help desk: nhsn@cdc.gov with the subject line: **Pathogen Codes 2024**.

Appendix

The NHSN Local Code can be found in the lower left panel of the Aliases section:

Klebsiella aerogenes			
Code Set			
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