

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 'Terminology Search' tab selected. The search criteria are: 'Word begins with' (dropdown), 'NHSN Organisms...' (dropdown), and 'enterobacter aerogenes' (text input). The search button is circled '4'. The results table has columns: Name, Alias Hit, Concept Code, Code Set, Retired, and View. The first result is 'Enterobacter aerogenes' with a circled '5' next to the name, a circled 'i' in the Alias Hit column, Concept Code '62592009', and Code Set 'NHSN Organisms (2024)'. The View column has a circled 'i'.

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 search results for 'Klebsiella aerogenes' with a circled '6' next to the name. The Concept Code is '62592009'. The page is divided into several sections: Code Set (NHSN Organisms (2024)), Attributes (CC: No, MBI: Yes, UTI: Yes), Aliases (table with 7 rows), Relationships (0), and Mappings (0). The Aliases table has columns: Alias, Description ID, Language, and Purpose.

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

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			
CDC NHSN Pathogen Codes 2024		Is Retired: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Attributes			
CC	No		
MBI	Yes		
UTI	Yes		
Aliases			
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