OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, MARCH 2015. This issue of Oregon Norovirus Watch includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2014–2015 norovirus season. In March 2015, 15 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 6/15 (40%) were in Nursing homes or Assisted-living facilities and 6/15 (40%) were restaurant-associated (see Fig. 1).

Since August 2014, 35/74 (47%) lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in Nursing homes or Assisted-living facilities. The most common norovirus genogroup subtype since August 2014 is GII.4 “Sydney” with 17/42 (40%) lab-confirmed outbreaks, followed by GII.4 “Miami,” which has been lab-confirmed in 6/42 (14%) outbreaks (see Fig. 2).

*“Other” includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers

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