OREGON NOROVIRUS WATCH, APRIL 2017. This issue of Oregon Norovirus Watch includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2016–2017 norovirus season. In the month of April 2017, 20 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 9 (45%) were in nursing homes, 4 (20%) were in hospitals, 2 (10%) were in schools, 2 (10%) were in restaurants, 2 (10%) were in day care centers, and 1 (5%) was in another setting. Since April 2016, 133 (63%) of 211 lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities (Fig. 1). Over the last year, GII.4 Sydney was identified in 3 (3%) of 117 lab-confirmed outbreaks. We continue to see the number of non GII.4 Sydney strains outbreaks increase and have seen a marked increase in GII.4 Untypeable over the past year (35%, Fig 2). We recently also saw an increase of norovirus outbreaks in restaurants related to consumption of raw oysters (n=6).

LTC: long term care, ALC: Assisted living facility, DCC: Day Care Center, "Other": includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers

*117 (55%) of 211 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients. GI* and GII* denote outbreaks that only had 1 positive sample

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