

**Table 2 Type of data used in the national notifiable diseases surveillance system in selected countries**

Structure	Australia	United States of America	Islamic Republic of Iran	
			Current	Proposed
Types of data collected	Demographic Clinical Microbiological Vaccination history Risk factors	Demographic Clinical Laboratory Final diagnosis Epidemiological	Demographic Clinical Laboratory Radiological Epidemiological	Demographic Clinical Laboratory Final diagnosis Epidemiological Vaccination history Risk factors
Data sources	Physician offices Hospitals Health care practitioners Laboratory departments Schools and child-care facilities Day-care clinics	Physician offices Hospitals Health maintenance organizations Blood transfusion centres Blood banks Health care organizations Veterinarians Health care practitioners Laboratory departments Schools Prisons/reform schools Dentist offices Nursing care facilities Medicolegal Registration of vital statistics Day-care clinics	Public health units District health units Territorial health departments Medical universities Deputy of Health Physician offices Laboratory offices Private and public hospitals	Physician offices Hospitals Blood transfusion centres Blood banks Veterinarians Laboratory departments Schools Prisons/reform schools Dentist offices Nursing care facilities Medicolegal Register of vital statistics Day-care clinics Schools and child-care facilities Military services Public health units District health units Territorial health departments