



# MRSA Screen

## Synonyms

Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)

## Clinical Indication

Screening test for presence of MRSA.

Please give detailed clinical information, including date of onset/contact with the suspected infection, and any current, or intended, antibiotic therapy. Refer to the Trust MRSA policy for screening criteria and specific sites to swab.

## Part of Profile / See Also

## Request Form

Microbiology or combined Pathology manual request form or ICE request

## Availability / Frequency of Analysis

On request during normal working hours

## Turnaround Time

72 hours

## Patient Preparation

N/A

## Sample Requirements

### Specimen Type

Bacterial swab in transport medium; urine in boric acid bottle (red top universal), if required

### Volume

### Container

Samples should be transported to laboratory immediately.

## Reference Range & Units

N/A

## Interferences

## Interpretation & Clinical

## Decision Value (if applicable)

N/A

## References

## Test code

MRSA

## Lab Handling

Samples should be processed as soon as possible.