

PROTOCOL FOR METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPH AUREUS (MRSA)

Verify MRSA culture with Microbiology.

Notify Infection Control at extension 3-2192 or 3-2193.

Place patients colonized or infected with MRSA in “contact isolation”. Every effort will be made to place the patient in a private room, however in situations where this may be impossible, due to lack of available rooms, or in an outbreak situation, patients will be identified and cohorted accordingly. Emphasis will be on isolating the infective material.

Surveillance cultures will be obtained at least 72 hours after discontinuation of all antibiotics and before isolation is discontinued.

Obtain surveillance cultures from the nasopharynx, axilla, groin, all wounds, and any portal of exit sites, such as tracheostomy, and urine if patient is catheterized. Mark the chit “R/O MRSA”

Surveillance cultures may be ordered by the attending physician, Infectious Disease physician, and/or the Infection Control Nurse Consultants.

Order surveillance cultures 48-72 hours after all antibiotics are stopped.

If all surveillance cultures are negative, isolation may be discontinued. Please consult Infection Control before discontinuing isolation.

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