

MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus)

Order Name: **C MRSA**
Test Number: 6002050
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus)	Culture	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	Swab	Swab	Copan eSwab - Green (Mini-tip)	Room Temperature
Alternate 1	Swab	Swab	Copan eSwab - White (Regular size)	Room Temperature
Instructions	Swab anterior nares or perineal region. Copan eSwab preferred; other swabs suitable for bacterial culture are acceptable. Transport at room temperature. Unacceptable: Collection devices with additives other than amies or liquid stuarts, dry swabs, specimens arriving >48 hours after collection, and specimens exposed to freezing temperatures or excessive heat.			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	24-36 Hours
Clinical Use	Confirms presence or absence of methicillan resistant Staph aureus
Notes	This test is a rapid screening test for <u>MRSA colonization</u> utilizing chromogenic media. This test WILL NOT include identification of other pathogenic organisms, gram stain, or susceptibility testing. This is not a test to aid in diagnosis of infection. Refer to Aerobic Culture and Stain for further information.
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