

MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus)

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

| SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS | | | | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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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