

MRSA SCREEN

Orderable – MRST

Turnaround Time: 1 day

Alternate Name(s):

Methicillin Resistant Staph aureus Screen

Specimen Type:

Nasal
Nasal/Perianal
Urine
Wound Swabs (specify site)

NOTE:

If collecting both Nasal and Perianal samples, order only ONE test using the specimen type "Nasal/Perianal".

Collection Information:

Use a Dual eSwab™ (Pink top)

- Select the swab with the pink applicator and collect the nasal sample by rotating the swab 5 times in each nostril
- Dip the swab into the transport tube, swirl for 5 seconds, lift and press the swab on the inside of the tube to drain excess liquid, and discard swab
- Cap the tube to prevent a spill
- Using the swab with the white applicator, collect the perianal or rectal sample according to your hospital's current practice
- Do not touch the white swab applicator below the pink scored breakpoint
- Insert the swab all the way into the transport tube and, holding the end of the swab applicator, bend it toward you until it breaks off
- Cap the tube and label using the combined 'Nasal/Perianal' specimen type



For single site collections:

Use a Single eSwab™ (White cap)

- Remove the swab and avoid touching the swab applicator below the pink scored breakpoint
- Collect the sample by rolling the swab over the site
- Insert the swab all the way into the transport tube and, holding the end of the swab applicator, bend it toward you until it breaks off
- Cap the tube and label with single specimen type label



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Culture



Test Schedule:
Daily