**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