



Diagnosis/symptom

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

Referring provider's initial evaluation and management can include:

History:

- frequent or recurrent furuncles (boils)
- slow healing lesions
- family members with similar signs or symptoms
- recent surgeries or hospitalizations
- immune system problems in the family (back one generation)

Physical Exam:

- Observe for other reservoirs of infection
- Consider other infections

Labs:

- culture & susceptibility testing of wounds/lesions
- nasal swab for MRSA

Initiate referral when:

- Positive MRSA culture in the face of recurrent skin infections
- Requesting documentation on MRSA decolonization for appropriate patients

Please note: serious invasive MRSA infections should be referred to Infectious Disease clinic, rather than MRSA clinic

What can referring provider send?

- Clinic notes, treatment history, and lab results
- List of current medications

Children's workup will likely include:

- Chronology of each episode with treatment history
- Past medical history to include prenatal (HIV status of mother) and delivery
- Prior surgeries, hospitalizations
- Family medical history (one generation back)
- Travel history
- Review of systems
- Physical exam
- Other labs if indicated

> Tips for an effective visit:

- Talk with your patient's family about the reason for the referral and the questions to be answered.
- Our providers appreciate having the information you may have gathered ahead of time.
- Appointments are by referral only.
- Be sure to include all culture results and susceptibilities and what antibiotics have been used for treatment.



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