

<p><b>Diagnosis/symptom</b></p> <p><b>Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)</b></p>	<p><b>Referring provider's initial evaluation and management can include:</b></p> <p>History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• frequent or recurrent furuncles (boils)</li> <li>• slow healing lesions</li> <li>• family members with similar signs or symptoms</li> <li>• recent surgeries or hospitalizations</li> <li>• immune system problems in the family (back one generation)</li> </ul> <p>Physical Exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observe for other reservoirs of infection</li> <li>• Consider other infections</li> </ul> <p>Labs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• culture &amp; susceptibility testing of wounds/lesions</li> <li>• nasal swab for MRSA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Initiate referral when:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive MRSA culture in the face of recurrent skin infections</li> <li>• Requesting documentation on MRSA decolonization for appropriate patients</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note:</b> serious invasive MRSA infections should be referred to Infectious Disease clinic, rather than MRSA clinic</p>	<p><b>What can referring provider send?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete New Appointment Request Form (NARF) located under Ambulatory Services on our web site and fax with clinic notes, treatment history and lab results to 206-985-3121 prior to clinic visit. Information may also be mailed.</li> </ul> <p>Include a list of current medications</p>	<p><b>Children's workup will likely include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronology of each episode with treatment history</li> <li>• Past medical history to include prenatal (HIV status of mother) and delivery</li> <li>• Prior surgeries, hospitalizations</li> <li>• Family medical history (one generation back)</li> <li>• Travel history</li> <li>• Review of systems</li> <li>• Physical exam</li> <li>• Other labs if indicated</li> </ul>
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**> 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.

**Clinic phone: (206) 987-2073**

**To request a consult or referral, please call the Clinical Intake Nurses at (206) 987-2080, or fax a New Appointment Request Form to (206) 985-3121.**

**To speak with a Children's physician for an urgent phone consultation, call the Physician Operator, at (206) 987-7777 or toll free at (877) 985-4637.**