

<p>Diagnosis/symptom</p> <p>Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)</p>	<p>Referring provider's initial evaluation and management can include:</p> <p>History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>Physical Exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe for other reservoirs of infection • Consider other infections <p>Labs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • culture & susceptibility testing of wounds/lesions • nasal swab for MRSA 	<p>Initiate referral when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive MRSA culture in the face of recurrent skin infections • Requesting documentation on MRSA decolonization for appropriate patients <p>Please note: serious invasive MRSA infections should be referred to Infectious Disease clinic, rather than MRSA clinic</p>	<p>What can referring provider send?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Include a list of current medications</p>	<p>Children's workup will likely include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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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.