

Instructions for Identifying Patients as MRSA-Active vs. MRSA-Colonized

1. Access each patient's chart in PowerChart from the list of patients that are received.
2. Review Wound Care by going to Flowsheet → Wounds/Ostomies/Drains/Tubes → Wound Care.
3. Review Wound Care documentation, and check for any charting denoting soaked, wet, oozing, draining, from wound dressing—this would denote a wound not contained by a dressing.
4. If the wound and dressing are consistently being charted as clean, dry, intact, this is consistent with a wound contained by dressing.
5. If the wound is not contained by the dressing, **or** if there is any positive Wound Culture for MRSA from the current admission, then the patient would be considered **MRSA-Active Infection.**
6. Check for Wound Culture positives by going to Results Review → Lab tab→ and review any Wound Cultures that may be present for positive result with an infecting organism of MRSA.
7. While in results Review → Lab tab, also review any potential Sputum Cultures for positive result with infecting organism of MRSA.
8. Any patient with a positive Sputum Culture with an infecting organism of MRSA during the current admission would be considered **MRSA-Active Infection.**
9. If the patient you are assessing has a wound adequately contained by a dressing, and no positive Sputum or Wound Culture results for MRSA in the current admission, then the patient is considered **MRSA-Colonized.**
10. You will receive a list of patients who need assessed from Tara Cox in Infection Prevention
11. Please report your completed list of assessed patients back to Tara Cox, and IP will help make the necessary changes to the patient's banner in PowerChart.

Please reach out to Infection Prevention @ 788-3447 with any questions!