

Practice Change...

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WHAT: We will no longer conduct active surveillance for MRSA in the ICUs or for wounds upon admission.

NOTE: As of May 11, 2020, we are restarting the pre-operative screening for high risk surgical patients (cardiac surgery, total joint replacements and hip fracture repairs).

WHY: The Illinois Department of Public Health no longer requires screening for MRSA. This brings practice in Illinois in line with the rest of the country.

WHEN: Effective Immediately, March 21, 2020

NOTE: Infection Prevention will review all patients currently in MRSA isolation and place them in the appropriate status based on clinical history.

Call to Action:

1. Continue the screening for MRSA through the collection of nasal swabs from patients pre-operatively.
2. Continue to perform MRSA PCRs per pharmacy request to facilitate antibiotic de-escalation.
3. Cease the screening for MRSA through the collection of nasal swabs from patients being admitted to the ICU's.
4. Cease the screening for MRSA through obtaining a wound culture upon admission to the hospital.
5. Do not isolate patients with **MRSA COLONIZATION**, use standard precautions.
6. Continue to isolate patients with **ACTIVE MRSA** infections; they require contact isolation
7. Continue to practice good hand hygiene skills