

Methicillin-Resistant Staph aureus Culture



Alternate Name:	MRSA Culture
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Test Includes:	Isolation and identification of methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus
Specimen Container:	Sterile culture swab
Minimum Volume Required:	N/A
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	Preliminary report available after 24 hours.
Special Handling:	Specimen must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	None
Reference Range:	No methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus isolated
Critical Value:	N/A
CPT Code:	
Testing Methodology:	Culture
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling. Specimen not collected in sterile container. Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside. Specimens not delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
Other Comments:	Specific site of specimen must be stated on culture request.
Clinical Significance:	N/A

