

# MRSAChecklist

## IDENTIFICATION

- Are lesions appearing as possible spider bites, inflamed ingrown hairs, cellulites, impetigo, etc being ruled out for MRSA infections?
- Has wound been cultured to rule-out MRSA?
- Are any suspected infections being treated topically? Circle edges of inflammation to document progression  
- Assess vital signs daily. If red inflamed area continues to grow, alert attending physician immediately.

## PREVENTION

- Does your facility have a Hand Hygiene protocol?
- Does the protocol include washing hands first thing in the morning, immediately before lunch and last wash of the day with an antimicrobial that has residual killing action?
- Does the protocol include washing with an antimicrobial soap that has residual killing action any time hands are visibly soiled or sticky?
- Do you wash infected areas of skin with an antimicrobial soap that has residual kill?
- Do you clean all surfaces with an antimicrobial cleaner proven to kill MRSA?
- Does your facility prohibit individuals with draining wounds from soaking in hot or cold tubs?

## INFECTION CONTROL and PATIENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

- Has a medical professional been consulted when MRSA is suspected?
- Has wound been cultured to determine antibiotic susceptibility?
- Does your facility use a topical antimicrobial proven to kill MRSA for treating superficial skin infections?
- Have contact precautions been put into place - gowns, gloves, masks?
- Have infected individuals been isolated in private rooms or cohorted (grouped together)?
- Are infected individuals isolated from contact with common surfaces and equipment?
- Is inflamed area circled on the skin and assessed daily?
- Are vital signs of patients with skin infections tracked daily?
- Are all draining wounds covered?
- If medically indicated, has incision & drainage of the lesion been performed?
- Have the mop head and other cleaning materials been discarded after each use in all areas with patients who have or are suspected of having MRSA infections?
- Have all fabrics been washed and dried on HOT (ideally 140 degrees) - whenever possible?
- Have drying times been extended to insure all fabrics are COMPLETELY DRY before removing from the dryer?



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