## MRSA Transmission Risk Assessment
### Screening Tool and Nursing Interventions

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### 1. Patient has a draining wound
- NO
- YES

### 2. Past history or current diagnosis of MRSA? (documented in medical record or by patient/SO report)
- NO (go to 3)
- YES (go to 2a)

#### 2a. If yes, current or active problem?
- NO
- YES

#### 2b. If yes, check source of problem:
- wound infection
- urinary infection
- indwelling device
- respiratory

### 3. Patient lives with someone with MRSA? (the patient shares living space with someone who has a past or current diagnosis of MRSA)
- NO
- YES

### 4. Patient’s culture status is:
- Not ordered
- Negative for organism
- Positive for any MDRO organism
- Pending
- Positive for MRSA

#### Risk Score:
- 0 = Minimal Risk
- 1 = Low Risk
- 2 = Moderate Risk (notify attending provider)
- 3 = High Risk (notify attending provider)

*(SEE PAGE 2 FOR NURSING INTERVENTIONS)*
### Nursing Interventions to be considered: Manage the patient according to their highest risk score generated by assessment.

**RISK SCORE = 0 (MINIMAL Risk of MRSA Transmission)**
- Single room not necessary
- Routine patient cares
- Routine hand hygiene and standard precaution practices
- No limitations to access to other treatment areas of facility
- Routine pre-op antibiotics

**RISK SCORE = 1 (LOW Risk of MRSA Transmission)**
- Single room not necessary
- Routine hand hygiene and standard precautions
- Routine respiratory hygiene practices, if applicable
- Implement appropriate precautions: contact if wound; droplet if respiratory
- No limitations to access to other treatment areas of facility
- Routine pre-op antibiotics

**RISK SCORE = 2 (MODERATE Risk of MRSA Transmission)**
- Single room preferred: if not available cohort with other MRSA pts or room with a patient at low risk for acquisition
- Routine hand hygiene practices
- Implement appropriate precautions: contact if wound; droplet if respiratory.
- Cover wounds and/or mask prior to transport
- Individually evaluate for access to other treatment areas of the facility; Alert departments to transmission risk as necessary
- Consider closed system suctioning if a ventilator patient
- MRSA signage to be considered if open wound or infected long-term indwelling medical device
- Patient care equipment dedicated to room whenever possible, or strict cleaning procedures between use
- Consider MRSA antibiotic pathway if pre-op
- Notify attending provider prior to end of shift
- Begin patient/family education

**RISK SCORE = 3 (HIGH Risk of MRSA Transmission)**
- Single room preferred: if not available cohort with other MRSA pts or room with a patient at low risk for acquisition
- Routine hand hygiene practices
- Implement appropriate precautions: contact if wound; droplet if respiratory; consider isolation if respiratory with cough.
- Cover wounds and/or mask prior to transport
- No access to other treatment areas of facility unless no other option (ie, radiology, lab, therapies)
- Consider closed system suctioning if a ventilator patient
- MRSA signage to be considered if open wound or infected long-term indwelling medical device
- Patient care equipment dedicated to room whenever possible, or strict cleaning procedures between use
- Consider MRSA antibiotic pathway if pre-op
- Consider chlorohexidine pre-op prep and when baths given post-op
- Notify attending provider prior to end of shift
- Begin patient/family education
- Alert departments as necessary
- Alert other facility if patient transferred