

ARO Screening

Infection Prevention & Control Best Practice Guidelines

SCREENING AND SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Encounter	Screening Questionnaire	ARO Screening Cultures	MRSA	VRE	ESBL	CPO
Admission to acute care	YES	If positive response to screening questionnaire	Nares Groin Wound Sputum if productive cough	NO		Urine, Rectum, Wound Sputum if productive cough if directed by ARO Screening Questionnaire
Admission to Residential Care	NO	If known MRSA positive, swab as per Island Health's Policy 15.4 Management of Residents with MRSA (Residential Care)	Nares Groin Wound Sputum if productive cough	NO	NO	YES if exposure from acute care admission
Admission, discharge to/from NICU, PICU, CCU, CVU, ICU or In-Patient Renal	NO	All admissions, discharges or transfers from another Island Health or external hospital	Nares Groin Wound Sputum if productive cough	Only for renal patients planning to travel. Rectum and wounds if present	NO	Yes – only if direct admission from a hospital within a high risk area or outside Island Health.. Please refer to Island Health's Policy 15.5 Management of Patients with Carbapenem Resistant Gram Negative Bacillus (CRGNB)
Transfer between Island Health hospitals or other hospitals	NO	All admissions who have been transferred from another hospital (within or external to Island Health)	Nares Groin Wound Sputum if productive cough	NO	NO	All admissions who have been transferred from another hospital within a high risk area. Please refer to Island Health's Policy 15.5 Management of Patients with Carbapenem Resistant Gram Negative Bacillus (CRGNB)

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