

Existing ARO Alerts

Does the patient have an existing MRSA disease alert?

If YES place on Contact Precautions AND Initiate Infection Precaution Order (Isolation)

Yes No

Does the patient have an existing CPO (Carbapenemase) disease alert?

If YES, must have a private room and be placed on Contact Precautions AND Initiate Infection Precaution Order (Isolation)

Yes No

Does the patient have an existing ARO disease alert and a new/worsening cough?

If YES, place on Droplet Precautions AND Initiate Infection Precaution Order (Isolation)

Yes No Unknown

ARO Screening Questions

MRSA

If YES to any of the questions below – collect lab samples for MRSA (see specimen collection for MRSA below)

In the past 12 months, has the patient been an inpatient in ANY hospital for greater than 48 hours? Includes inter-hospital transfers

Yes No Unknown

Is the patient currently residing in a residential care facility?

Yes No Unknown

In the past 12 months has the patient received dialysis or chemotherapy?

Yes No Unknown

In the past 12 months has the patient or a member of their household had an abscess or boil?

Yes No Unknown

In the past 12 months has the patient or a member of their household been advised that they have a bacteria resistant to antibiotics, such as MRSA?

Yes No Unknown

In the past 12 months has the patient used street drugs other than marijuana?

Yes No Unknown

In the past 12 months has the patient spent time in a correctional facility?

Yes No Unknown

In the past 12 months has the patient lived on the street or in a shelter?

Yes No Unknown

Carbapenemase (CPO)

If YES to any of the questions below – collect lab samples for CPO (see specimen collection for CPO below)
AND

Place patient on Precautions and Initiate Infection Precaution Order (Isolation)

In the past 12 months, has the patient had an overnight stay in a hospital off Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands?

Yes No Unknown

In the past 12 months, has the patient received haemodialysis in a facility off Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands?

Yes No Unknown

In the past 12 months, has the patient had a surgical or medical procedure outside of Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands?

Yes No Unknown

If you answered “Unknown” to any of the above questions, state the reason and modify when known

Unconscious Unknown household history Other
 Cognitively impaired Refused/uncooperative

Lab Sample Collection

If YES to any of the above questions, collect appropriate lab specimens

MRSA

- Select routine culturette swab
- Collect separate swabs for each site

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- Nares
- Groin
- Open Wound(s)

NARES: Use a firm circular/twisting motion
Swab just inside rim of nose
Use one swab for both sides

GROIN: Swab the crease at the junction of the torso with the legs on either side of the pubic area

OPEN WOUND(S): If evidence of infection, in addition to surveillance swabs, appropriate clinical samples should be obtained

CPO

- Select routine culturette swab
- Collect rectal swab
- Collect samples from other sites if applicable
- Request CPO testing on Requisition
- Initiate contact precautions
- Initiate droplet precautions if new/worsening cough
- Priority for private room until results obtained

- Rectal swab
- Urine (if indwelling catheter)
- Sputum (if coughing)
- Ostomy/Colostomy
- Open wound(s)

RECTAL SWAB: Ensure stained with feces

URINE: C&S Container

SPUTUM: C&S Container

OSTOMY/COLOSTOMY: Ensure stained with feces

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