



MRSA Result Reporting

Please note that MRSA (Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) reporting in the region will be changing. From **23rd November 2015**, the laboratory will classify all MRSA isolates into the following categories below. This classification will be reported on the result:

Non-multiresistant MRSA (nmMRSA)

Includes isolates resistant to beta-lactams only, or isolates resistant to beta-lactams and any of the following topical antibiotics:

Mupirocin
Fusidic acid

Multi-resistant MRSA (mMRSA)

Isolates resistant to beta-lactams plus any of the following systemic antibiotics:

Erythromycin
Clindamycin
Ciprofloxacin
Tetracycline
Cotrimoxazole
Rifampicin

- This classification will have infection control management implications should the patient be admitted to hospital at some point in the future. For further details on this please contact one of the Hospital Infection Control Nurses.
- This reporting change should not affect the general management of patients with MRSA infection or colonisation in the community setting.
- This classification will bring the laboratory into line with the rest of the Midlands region with regards to MRSA reporting.

Please do not hesitate to contact the microbiology department should there be any questions pertaining to this change.

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