Infection Prevention and Control

Guidance on MRSA Screening

Section 1

Patient has previous history of MRSA

CHECK CLINICAL PORTAL

1. Are there 2 negative screens from nose/perineum and other previous positive sites (i.e wounds)?

OR

2. Has it been over 3 years since last positive result?

Isolation is not required. SICP’s only and send MRSA Screen

IF NO TO Question 1 or unable to check Clinical Portal then isolate patient and obtain MRSA screen

Discuss with IPCT.

(If no single room available ensure IPC Checklist Risk Assessment is completed and precautions in place at the bedscape)

Section 2

Patient transferred from another hospital

Does the patient have a history of MRSA?

If YES – assess as per Section 1 above.

If NO – SICP’s only. No requirement to isolate.

Send MRSA screen

Section 3

Admission from Nursing Home or Residential Care

Does the patient have a history of MRSA?

If YES – assess as per Section 1 above.

If NO – SICP’s only. No requirement to isolate.

Send MRSA screen

MRSA SCREEN consists of swabs obtained from Nose/Perineum & wounds/invasive devices as per Appendix 1 of the MRSA SOP