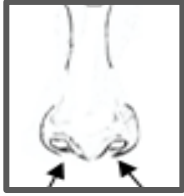

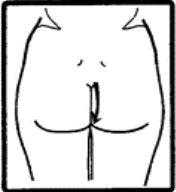


# MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staph. aureus)

## Patient Information - Infection, Prevention & Control

1. You have been supplied with three swabs, each in a separate pack.
2. Label swab containers with your name, date and site.
3. Use one swab per site.
4. Remove swab from container and moisten by dipping into the transport media at the bottom of the tube. Rub over indicated area several times to collect skin bacteria.

<p><b>NOSE</b> One swab for both nostrils</p>	<p>Use one swab to sample from well inside both left and right nostrils.</p>	
<p><b>GROIN</b> One swab for both sides</p>	<p>Use <b>one</b> swab to rub firmly over <b>both</b> left and right groin areas.</p>	
<p><b>PERINEUM OR NATAL CLEFT</b></p>	<p>Use <b>one</b> swab to rub firmly down the skin fold between the buttocks from the tail to the anus including perianal area.</p>	
<p><b>OTHER INFECTED SKIN AREAS</b></p>	<p>Use a separate swab to sample any areas of broken skin, sores, wounds, infection or dermatitis An additional swab will be needed.</p>	

5. Put swab back into transport container which has been labelled with the appropriate site.
6. Deliver to Canterbury Health Laboratories along with the request form. Ensure your intended area of work and contact details are written on the form.

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