

MRSA SCREENING

Think **BINGO!** Always screen a full house

Meticillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) can cause harm when it gets an opportunity to enter a sterile site within the body. If someone is colonised with MRSA and they have a wound or invasive device; or they have MRSA in their urine, they are at greater risk of acquiring a blood stream infection known as MRSA bacteraemia. Always monitor for signs and symptoms of infection.

When screening for MRSA, always:

1. Think BINGO when selecting site to swab.
2. **Send all samples clearly marked for 'MRSA Screening'.**
3. Prompt clinician to contact microbiology for additional antibiotic advice.
4. Contact the Infection Prevention & Control Team for further advice if required.

