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MRSA Screen by Culture  
MDL Test Code  
MRSAS  
Ask at Order Questions  
N/A  
Specimen Source  
Anterior Nares

## SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Container/Tube  
ESwab  
Specimen Volume (minimum)  
x N/A (swab specimen)  
x Must have swab present in container  
Sample Stability Time  
48 hours  
Transport/Storage Conditions  
x Refrigerated (2 – 8°C)  
x Ambient (20 – 25°C)  
Patient Preparation/Collection Instructions  
Refer to the Nares ESwab Collection Guide

## PERFORMANCE

Days Performed  
Daily; Monday – Sunday  
Report Available (TAT) – (Once received at MDL)  
24 – 32 hours



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### Specimen Retention Time

7 days

### Method Description

A nasal swab is inoculated onto Spectra MRSA agar, a selective and differential chromogenic medium used in qualitative detection of nasal colonization of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

### Reference Values

No growth of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

### Cautions

This test is intended only for screening for MRSA colonization and is not intended to diagnose MRSA infection.