
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



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 (MRSA).

Reference Values

No growth of Methicillin-Resistant (MRSA).

Cautions

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