

# ABCD

**REDUCING THE RISK OF MRSA IS THIS SIMPLE.**  
(And can help prevent other infectious disease.)

## **A**CTIVE SURVEILLANCE

Culture high-risk patients and, if positive, place them on contact precautions so that MRSA does not spread.

## **B**ARRIER PRECAUTIONS

Gowns, gloves, and masks are available for patient, staff, and visitor transmission prevention. Please use them consistently.

## **C**OMPULSIVE HAND WASHING

The easiest and most effective way to stop MRSA and other healthcare-associated infections from spreading.

## **D**ISINFECTION OF ENVIRONMENTS

Thorough cleaning and appropriate use of products are absolutely necessary to reduce the transmission of MRSA.



**Stopping MRSA is in your hands.**



MRSA is a serious form of a common bacteria found on many healthy people. Because of its resistance to antibiotics commonly used in treatment, MRSA is one of the most widespread and problematic of Healthcare Associated Infections, which, collectively, are responsible for 90,000 deaths in American hospitals each year. However, stopping the spread of MRSA is as easy as ABCD. Following these guidelines will improve patient safety and save lives.