



**Stopping MRSA is in your hands.**



A serious form of bacteria known as MRSA frequently inhabits the skin or nose of healthy people. When introduced to the hospital setting, it can be harmful to patients. Hand hygiene is the single most important method of controlling the spread of bacteria. We are asking all visitors and caregivers to wash their hands before and after contact with patients and their surroundings. This simple act can provide for a safer environment for all.

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PATIENTS, VISITORS, AND CLINICAL STAFF**

Though hand hygiene is the single most important way to control the spread of bacteria, our initiative goes beyond that. HCA is committed to making sure every patient's room is thoroughly disinfected, that gloves and gowns are worn to help create a protective barrier, and that patients who may be carrying MRSA are identified and treated appropriately.

We believe these precautions will help reduce rates of other highly resistant infections, such as Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus and Clostridium Difficile colitis.

Through this program and others like it, HCA will ensure the delivery of safe, effective, efficient, and compassionate healthcare.



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