

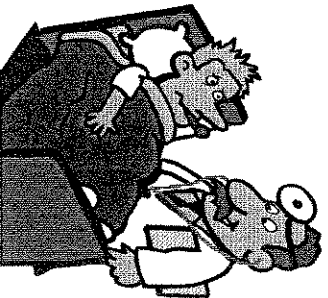
WHY AM I IN CONTACT PRECAUTIONS FOR MRSA?

WHAT IS MRSA?

"MRSA" is short for Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. It is a germ that may be found on your skin. If it enters into your body it can make you very sick. This germ is hard to treat. Usually the only medicine that kills this germ is Vancomycin. This medicine is given through your vein for two weeks (treatment may be shorter or longer depending on your needs.)

WHY ARE YOU IN ISOLATION?

MRSA is really easy to spread around if you or people that are caring for you do not wash their hands. Putting you in isolation helps to prevent other patients from catching this germ.



HOW DO WE STOP THE SPREAD OF MRSA?

Your hospital workers should be wearing gowns and gloves. These items must be tossed out before they leave the room. They should wash their hands very well after taking these items off.

Visitors should be close family only. This will help stop the spread of "MRSA". Please remind your visitors to remove their gowns and gloves and wash their hands before leaving the room.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I GET HOME?

You can return to your normal routine. Remember good handwashing should always be done by you and your family. Always wash your hands after doing your wound care, or changing your dressings.