

About MRSA

MRSA (pronounced meer-sa) is an acronym for methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus and is a type of bacterium. Staph is often found on the skin and in the nose of healthy children and adults. Approximately 8-10% of the US population is now colonized with MRSA. MRSA can cause serious infections such as: surgical site, bloodstream, pneumonia and soft-tissue.

MRSA has become more prevalent in healthcare settings due to lack of infection control and has spread into the community. Most people who are colonized with MRSA are asymptomatic and will not get an infection, but if you are colonized you have a 10-12 fold greater chance of acquiring one.

Decolonizing consists of a nasal swab in the nares or surfaces of the skin and if positive a five day antibiotic ointment in the nares is given and bathing with chlorhexidine several times.

A Comprehensive Approach to Controlling MRSA is Needed

- Screening at-risk patients—active detection isolation (ADI)
- Isolation in an appropriate manor- gloves and gowns used by all entering the room and designated equipment such as stethoscopes remain in the room
- Strict adherence to hand hygiene by all healthcare workers – washing hands before putting on gloves and after administering to the patient. Frequent hand washing at home, schools and at businesses is a good practice for all.
- Routine environmental decontaminating of frequently touched surfaces in a healthcare facility and also at home, school, businesses, etc.
- Good stewardship and prudent use of antibiotics. Patients must be told why they should finish the full course of antibiotics, not share with others and not ask for antibiotics when they have a virus.

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Please Help Us Raise Awareness
and Save Lives

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Your generous contribution can make a difference. MRSA Survivors Network is an IRS 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization and your donation is tax deductible. MRSA Survivors Network is comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to raise awareness, increase research, gives support and educates others on MRSA.

Please contact us on how you can get involved, volunteer and help make a difference.

Please make checks payable to MRSA Survivors Network or donate by Paypal on-line at both of our web sites. Please send checks to: P.O. Box 241 Hinsdale, IL 60522

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Third Annual World MRSA Day

Kick-off Event - Chicago
October 1, 2011

Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine
Maywood, IL

World MRSA Day
October 2

World MRSA Awareness Month
October

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About Us



MRSA Survivors Network is a nonprofit organization, founded in 2003 and comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to raising awareness for MRSA, increasing research, giving support to MRSA patients, caregivers and family members, educating others about MRSA, antimicrobial resistance and campaigning for change.

MRSA Survivors Network was founded by Jeanine Thomas, the first patient advocate in the U.S. to raise the alarm about MRSA and healthcare-acquired infections. MRSA Survivors Network works with other patient advocates in the U.S. and worldwide.

Jeanine Thomas is also the founder of World MRSA Day, October 2 and World MRSA Awareness Month, October. The U.S. Senate passed a resolution (S.R. 301) in 2009 designating the awareness dates. The inaugural World MRSA Day kickoff event was held October 1, 2009 at Loyola University Chicago.

Downloadable posters, banners and brochure for World MRSA Day and World MRSA Awareness Month are available at worldMRSAday.org and MRSAsurvivors.org.

"You can not change what you do not acknowledge."

Annual WORLD MRSA DAY Kick Off Event



Saturday, October 1, 2011
10:30am – 12:00pm

**Loyola University Stritch
School of Medicine**

2160 S. First Ave
Maywood, IL

Program

Remembrance Ceremony

10:30AM

Prayer - Reverend Henry Soles, Sr.
Chaplain of the Chicago Bulls

Ed Cargill – Bagpiper, Chicago Highlanders

Main Event

Rob Stafford, Anchor of NBC Chicago evening news
Master of Ceremonies

Keynote Speaker
Dr. William R. Jarvis

Awards Ceremony

MRSA Survivors Network Humanitarian Award
Recipient – Dr. Barry M. Farr

Co-chairs of event: Illinois State Rep. Patti Bellock,
Pat Merryweather – Sr. VP of Illinois Hospital
Association and Jeanine Thomas.

The MRSA Epidemic – A Call to Action WORLD MRSA DAY prevention saves lives

October 2



Across the US and around the world advocates will be holding candlelight vigils, memorial services and events to raise awareness for MRSA and to honor MRSA victims who have lost their lives to this preventable disease. This is an annual event and campaign.

The hope of advocates around the world is to draw attention to the MRSA epidemic/pandemic and have world health officials and governments take immediate action by launching public awareness campaigns for MRSA and other pathogens, healthcare facilities worldwide screen at-risk patients for MRSA, with isolation and decolonization, reduce antibiotic use in humans and animals and more testing of the global food supply for MRSA and staph.

WORLD MRSA AWARENESS MONTH

stop MRSA with active detection



The Month of October is designated World MRSA Awareness Month and consumer advocates, students and the healthcare industry launches campaigns and events during that month to raise awareness for MRSA.

Downloadable posters, banners and brochures are available at worldMRSAday.org.

Other Events –

October 1 – World MRSA Day kickoff Event – MRSA Missions
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Altamont, IL

October 2 – Memorial Event
Salt Lake City, Utah

October 2 – World MRSA Day Event - MRSA Action UK
Westminster Abbey – London

International Infection Prevention Week – October 16-22