

Letterkenny University Hospital - LUH Antimicrobial Prescribing Policy/Guidelines: Note Regarding Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)

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For infection at almost any site you should suspect infection with MRSA if:

- Patient has been previously colonised with MRSA.
- Patient has recently been hospitalised (within 90 days).
- Patient has transferred from another hospital or long-term care facility.
- Patient is on a ward with a current epidemic or endemic MRSA problem.

For patients with serious/life threatening infection who are at risk for MRSA infection, empiric treatment with **Vancomycin** is indicated in addition to the other components of therapy recommended in this guideline. **Discuss with Microbiology as required** .