

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 (hand washing) -washing before and after administering to the patient
- Routine environmental decontaminating of equipment and frequently touched surfaces
- Prudent use of antibiotics and patients must finish their full course of antibiotics and not share them with others

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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 a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to raise awareness, give support and educate others on MRSA.

Please contact us on how you can get involved and volunteer to save lives also!

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The Annual World MRSA Day

Kick-off Event - Chicago
October 1, 2010

Loyola University Chicago
Lake Shore Campus

World MRSA Day
October 2

World MRSA Awareness Month
October

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About Us



MRSA Survivors Network is a nonprofit organization comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to raising awareness for MRSA, campaigning for change and giving vital support to those who have been afflicted with MRSA or lost loved ones.

MRSA Survivors Network was founded in 2003 by Jeanine Thomas, a survivor of MRSA, sepsis, osteomyelitis and C. Difficile. She became critically ill and nearly died from ankle surgery. Because of her experience, she has dedicated herself to raise awareness, campaign for new laws and give support to those whose lives has been affected by MRSA.

Jeanine Thomas was the first patient advocate in the U.S. to raise the alarm about MRSA and healthcare-acquired infections. MRSA Survivors Network has initiated groundbreaking legislation in Illinois and works with other advocates in other states and on a federal level. MRSA Survivors Network partners with advocates in the UK and with other countries to formulate global alliances to raise awareness for MRSA and antimicrobial resistance.

Founder Jeanine Thomas of MRSA Survivors Network announced World MRSA Day, October 2 and World MRSA Awareness Month, October in January of 2009. She organized the Inaugural World MRSA Day Kick-off Event on Oct.1, 2009 at Loyola University Chicago.

Downloadable posters for World MRSA Day and World MRSA Awareness Month available at www.worldmrsaday.org

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

Annual WORLD MRSA DAY Kick Off Event



Friday, October 1, 2010
10:30am – 12:30pm

Loyola University Chicago
Lake Shore Campus
Simpson Room
1032 W. Sheridan Road

Program

International Press Conference
10:00am
Closed to the Public

Remembrance Ceremony
10:30am
Reverend Henry Soles Presiding

Main Event

Rob Stafford, Anchor – NBC5 Chicago
Master of Ceremonies

Keynote Speaker
Dr. William R. Jarvis

Awards Ceremony
'Barry M. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award'
Recipient - Dr. William R. Jarvis

Co-chairs: State Rep. Patti Bellock,
Pat Merryweather – IHA 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 globe is to draw media attention to MRSA and have world health organizations and government officials take immediate action and give MRSA epidemic and pandemic status.

WORLD MRSA AWARENESS MONTH stop MRSA with active detection



The month of October is designated World MRSA Awareness Month and consumer advocates and healthcare industry personnel will raise awareness throughout the month, hold events and launch campaigns.

Downloadable posters and brochures available at www.worldmrsaday.org

Other Events –
October 1 - "World MRSA Day" kick-off event at Kings College Hospital London.

October 2, 2010 – Altamont, Illinois
Location: Ballard Nature Center
Prayer Service: 10am
Event: 10am - 4:00pm

October 5 - Chesfield Downs Golf Club, Graveley, East & North Herts Annual Infection Prevention & Control Study Day, Edwina Currie presenting.

October 6 - Public Service Events Conference Infection Control working together to fight infection. The Barbican, London

October 13 - NHS 24/7 Recognising excellence awards at The Royal College of Surgeons London.

International Infection Control Prevention Week –
October 19-24, 2010

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