



HOTLINE: Effective November 18, 2019

New Test	3002032	Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) by PCR, Nasal	MRSA PCR
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Methodology: Qualitative Polymerase Chain Reaction
Performed: Sun-Sat
Reported: Within 6 hours

Specimen Required: Collect: Nasal specimen from ESwab (ARUP supply #45877) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact ARUP Client Services at (800) 522-2787. Collect the nasal specimen by sampling both nares one at a time with the same ESwab.
Specimen Preparation: Transfer Eswab to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube containing Liquid Amies Transport Medium. Place specimen in an individually sealed bag.
Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.
Remarks: Specimen source required.
Unacceptable Conditions: Specimen types other than those listed. Rayon swabs.
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 1 week; Frozen: Unacceptable

Reference Interval: Not Detected

Interpretive Data: Negative nasal MRSA PCR has a high negative predictive value for MRSA pneumonia. Consider stopping Vancomycin if no other clinical indication. Contact Antimicrobial Stewardship or Infectious Diseases for further recommendations.

Note: The Xpert MRSA NxG test performance has not been evaluated in patients less than two years of age.

CPT Code(s): 87641

New York DOH Approved.

HOTLINE NOTE: Refer to the Test Mix Addendum for interface build information.