



MRSA Infection Rates

Quarterly Rates 2011/12

Indicator Definition:

MRSA Bacteraemia Rates per 1000 patient days

Incident rate of hospital-acquired infections for MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) per 1,000 days.

Quarterly Results

Quarter	Cases	Rate per 1,000 Patient Days
April 1 – June 30	0	0

Benchmarks:

MRSA benchmark for Ontario: 0.02 per 1000 patient days

Benchmark Source: CNISP (Canadian National Infection Surveillance Program)

What is MRSA?

- *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) is a germ that lives on the skin and mucous membranes of healthy people.
- Occasionally *S. aureus* can cause an infection.
- When *S. aureus* develops resistance to certain antibiotics, it is called methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA.
- Regular hand washing and adherence to isolation procedures is critical to prevent the transmission of MRSA.