



# Healthcare associated infections: incidence of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)

NICE indicator

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## Indicator

Incidence of healthcare associated infections from Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

## Indicator type

Network / system level indicator. The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

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## Rationale

This overarching indicator is a measure by which resources can be focussed to attempt to reduce the level of healthcare infections in the NHS. [NICE's quality standards on surgical site infection](#) and [healthcare infection prevention and control](#) highlight a range of quality improvement areas, including use of surveillance.

## Source guidance

- [Surgical site infections: prevention and treatment. NICE guideline NG125 \(2019, updated 2020\)](#)
- [Healthcare-associated infections: prevention and control in primary and community care. NICE guideline CG139 \(2012, updated 2017\)](#)
- [Healthcare-associated infections: prevention and control. NICE guideline PH36 \(2011\)](#)

## Specification

Numerator: Count of all MRSA infections, by organisation.

Denominator: N/A

Calculation: None.

Definitions: None.

Exclusions: None.

Data source: [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\)'s MRSA bacteraemia: annual data](#).

An expected population size cannot be estimated because this indicator has no denominator.

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