

MDRO Screening Swab Guidance

CRE (Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacterales)

Test Code: Culture CRE (LAB20163)

Specimen Source: Rectum Only

Collect with single swab. Swab is collected for CRE only, do not use swab for any other test orders.



MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus)

Test Code: Culture MRSA (LAB10106) or Culture MRSA and MSSA (LAB9005)

Specimen Source: Usually BOTH nares and groin. Other sources, such as umbilical are acceptable. Select appropriate source in the *Specimen Source* field during order entry.

One specimen label will print. Collect with a single swab for both nares and groin.

Alternatively, two swabs may be collected for each source. If two swabs are used, a second specimen label (same specimen ID) must be manually printed and affixed to the second swab. The two swabs are handled as a single specimen and must be transported rubber banded together and in the same specimen bag.

