

Galway: GAPP - Galway Antimicrobial Prescribing Policy / Guidelines (GAPP): Note Regarding Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)

For infection at almost any site you should suspect infection with MRSA if:

- Patient has been previously colonised with MRSA.
- Patient has recently been hospitalised (within 90 days).
- Patient has transferred from another hospital or long-term care facility.
- Patient is on a ward with a current epidemic or endemic MRSA problem.

For patients with serious/life threatening infection who are at risk for MRSA infection, empiric treatment with **Vancomycin** is indicated in addition to the other components of therapy recommended in this guideline. Discuss with Microbiology or Infectious Diseases as required.