

Appendix A – Elective Pre-operative MRSA Screening

Patient seen in pre-operative assessment clinic. MRSA screening undertaken.

Nurse informs patient of results and documents in patient notes

MRSA Negative

Surgery as planned.

MRSA Positive

Decolonisation treatment and instructions on use provided to patient
 Re-swab arranged on day 8, then restart decolonisation

MRSA Negative

MRSA Positive

If NO

Complete 5 days of Decolonisation
 Re-swab on Day 8

MRSA Negative

MRSA Positive

A. Consultant in charge of the patients care to decide if the need for surgery override the positive status

If Yes:

- Admit to single room
- Follow MRSA management
- Refer to Appendix A
- Theatre Co-Ordinator to be informed of result.
- Prophylaxis to be provided

Following any positive result, a series of 3 consecutive negative results are required. However, the clinical need for surgery always overrides any MRSA status

B. Discuss with the IPT/ Microbiologist amended treatment regime

Re-swab after 2 days

(If positive Refer to **A** and **B**)
 2nd screen negative

Obtain 3rd screen after 2 days.
 (If positive refer to **A** and **B**)
 If negative

Surgery as planned

