

Laboratory Services

MRSA SWAB COLLECTION

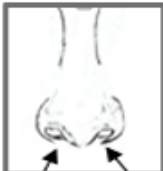


Your doctor has requested a swab sample for examination. This test is very important to assess your health and will only give useful results if collected properly.

You will have been given a Laboratory Request form for MRSA testing prior to surgery or after discharge from Hospital. The form will state the locations that the swabs need to be collected from.

When you present at collection rooms you will be given the appropriate swabs for testing. -

- Label swab containers with your full name and date of birth
- Use one swab per site
- Before use remove the swab from its outer packaging and moisten it by dipping it into the transport media in the bottom of the tube
- For each site requiring testing rub the swab over the area indicated several times to collect skin bacteria

The information below describes how to collect the samples:

<p>NOSE One swab for both nostrils</p>	<p>Use one swab to sample from well inside both left and right nostrils.</p>	
<p>GROIN One swab for both sides</p>	<p>Use one swab to rub firmly over both left and right groin areas.</p>	
<p>PERINEUM OR NATAL CLEFT</p>	<p>Use one swab to rub firmly down the skin fold between the buttocks from the tail to the anus including perianal area.</p>	
<p>OTHER INFECTED SKIN AREAS</p>	<p>Use a separate swab to sample any areas of broken skin, sores, wounds, infection or dermatitis An additional swab will be needed.</p>	

Deliver to the nearest collection centre as soon as possible

Our collection sites and contact details are listed over the page.

Central Hawke's Bay Health Centre Laboratory
Ph 06 858 7797 Ext 5553
Weekdays 7.30am – 5pm
(Collection hours 7.30am – 4:15pm)

Napier Health Centre Laboratory
Ph 06 834 1815 Ext 4142
Weekdays 8am – 5pm

Wairoa Health Laboratory
Ph 06 838 9710 Ext 4859
Weekdays 7.30am – 4.30pm
(Collection hours 7.30am – 3pm)

Villa 8 Hastings Hospital
Ph 06 878-1308 x 2648
Weekdays 8am – 5pm

REMINDER – is your container labelled with your full name and date of birth?