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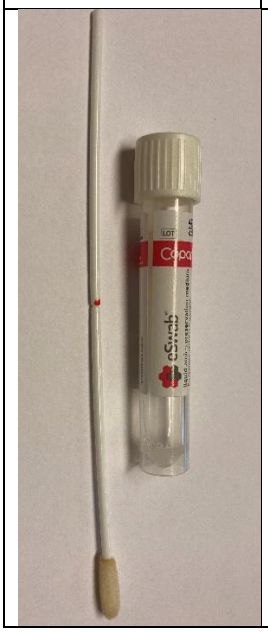
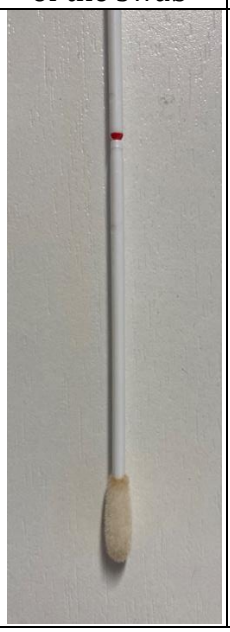
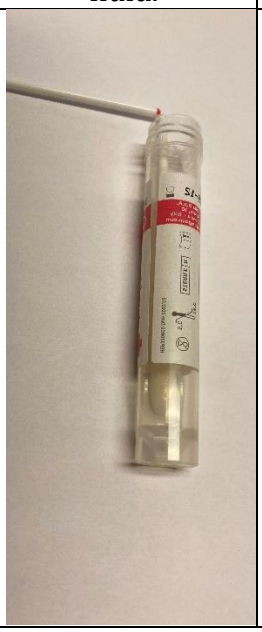
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Screening for methcillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)

Instruction for use of the e-Swab

1. Before sampling Avoid contamination of the swab	**2.** After sampling. Avoid contamination of the swab	**3.** Insert swab into tube and break off at red mark. Avoid leakage of fluid.	**4.** Ready for attachment of screw cap.	**5.** Screw cap must be tightly closed Label specimen (see below)
				

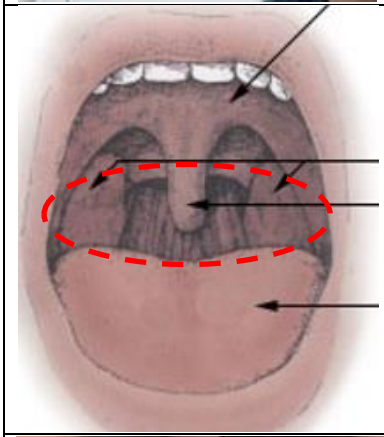
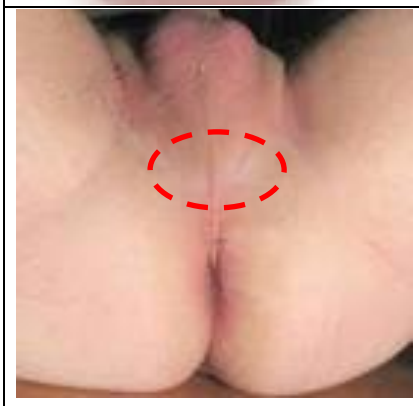
The swab does not have to be moistened.

Labelling of specimen

Very important:
The tube must be labeled with sample site (nose, etc.), name, and birth date.



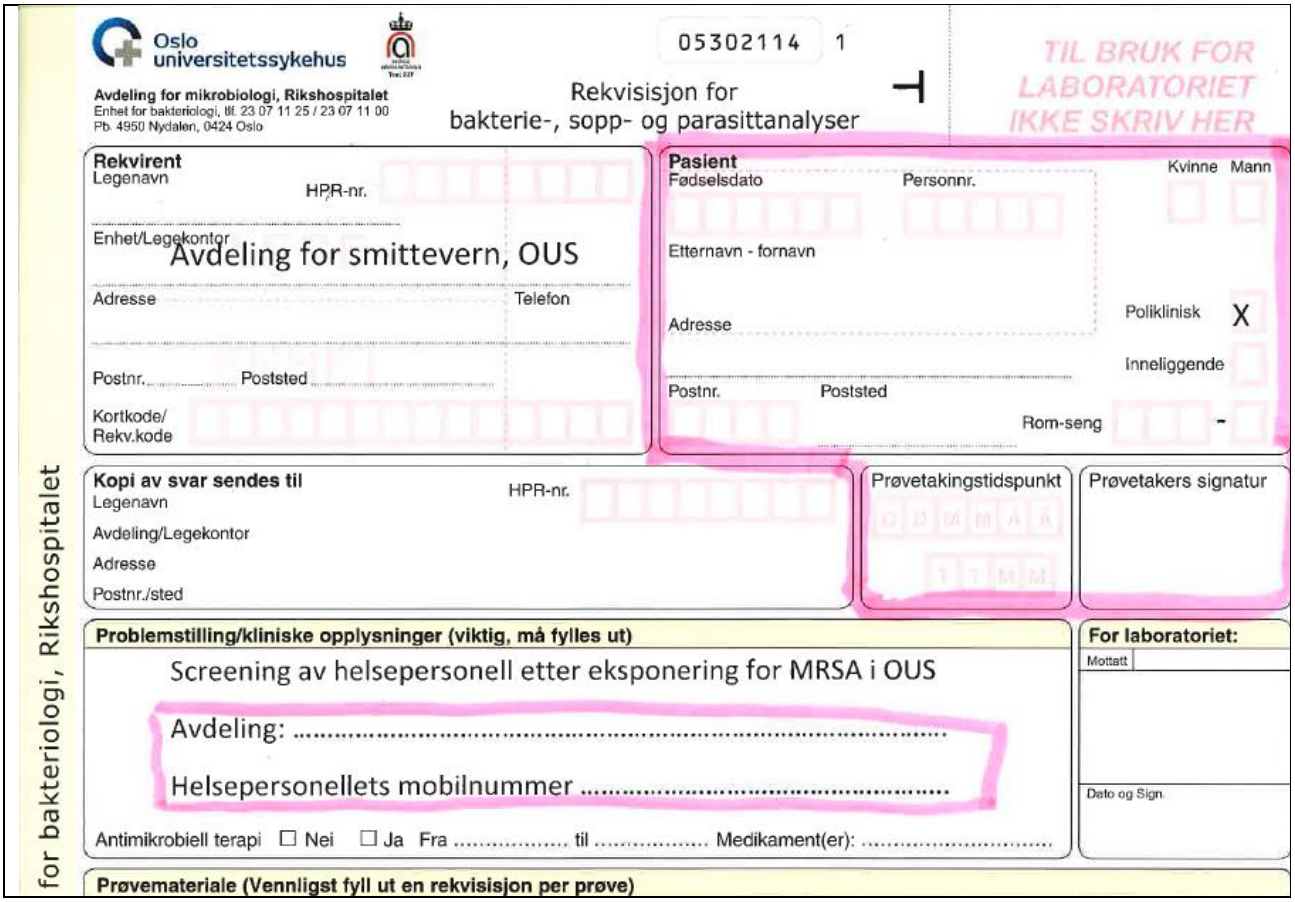
Screening sites and sampling

	**NOSE** • Insert the swab approximately 2 cm into the nostril and rotate around the inner periphery 2-3 times. • Repeat in opposite direction • Ensure contact with the upper part (“ceiling”) of the nostril. • Sample the other nostril with the same swab
	**THROAT** • Wipe across both tonsils and the back of the pharynx • Sampling should be done by a colleague
	**PERINEUM** • Wipe the skin area in front of the anal opening 3-4 times from side to side

Fill in the request form

The following must be written on the request form (inside the fields delineated by red markings, see below:

- Birth date/ social security number
- Name
- Date and time of sampling
- Department
- Personal mobile phone number



Delivery of samples

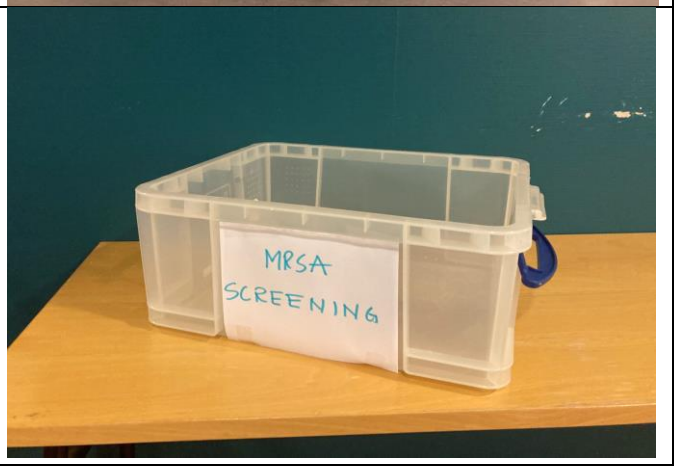


- **Remember to check that all samples are labeled with name and sample site.**
- Place the 3 samples and the request form in the plastic bag in such a way that no information is visible, i.e. the samples placed inside the folded request form, and the form folded in such a manner that all written information is not visible from the outside.

Deliver the samples in the box labelled MRSA SCREENING inside the entrance to the Microbiological laboratory at Rikshospitalet (B2. 3 etasje).







Results

The analysis usually takes 1-3 days, sometimes up to 5 days. All positive samples (MRSA detected) will be reported by telephone to the person in question. Due to capacity, negative results (no MRSA detected) will not be automatically reported.