Infection Prevention and Control Care Checklist – *Meticillin Resistant staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

This Care checklist should be used with patients who are suspected of or are known to have MRSA, while the patient is considered infectious. Each criteria should be ticked '√' if in place or 'X' if not, the checklist should be then initialled after completion, daily. If decolonisation treatment is prescribed, please complete decolonisation record also.

**Date Isolation commenced:** ………………………………………………………………………………………

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<th>Patient Placement/ Assessment of Risk</th>
<th>Daily check (√/x)</th>
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<td>Patient isolated in a single room with en suite facilities / own commode. If a single room is not available, an IPCT risk assessment is completed (see Appendix 1) Stop isolation only if patient has 2 full consecutive negative screens at least 72 hrs apart, beginning no less than 48 hrs after decolonisation therapy is complete. Place yellow isolation sign on the door to the isolation room Door to isolation room is closed when not in use. If for any reason this is not appropriate then an IPCT risk assessment is completed. (Appendix 1)</td>
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**Hand Hygiene (HH)**

All staff must use correct 6 step technique for hand washing at 5 key moments

HH facilities are offered to patient after using the toilet and prior to mealtimes etc. (clinical wash hand basic/wipes where applicable)

**Personal Protective Clothing (PPE)**

Disposable gloves and yellow apron are worn for all direct contact with the patient and their equipment/environment, removed before leaving the isolation area and discarded as clinical waste. HH must follow removal of PPE.

**Safe Management of Care Equipment**

Single-use items are used where possible OR equipment is dedicated to patient while in isolation.

There are no non-essential items in room. (e.g. Excessive patient belongings)

Twice daily decontamination of the patient equipment by HCW is in place using 1,000 ppm solution of Actichlor Plus (or equivalent)

**Safe Management of Care Environment**

Twice daily clean of isolation room is completed by Domestic services, using of a solution of 1,000 ppm Actichlor Plus (or equivalent). A terminal clean will be arranged on day of discharge/end of isolation.

**Laundry and Clinical/Healthcare waste**

All laundry is placed in a water soluble bag, then into a clear plastic bag (brown bag in mental health areas), then into a laundry bag.

Clean linen must not be stored in the isolation room.

All waste should be disposed of in the isolation room as clinical/ Healthcare waste.

**Information for patients and their carers**

The patient has been given information on their infection/ isolation and provided with a patient information leaflet (PIL) if available.

If taking soiled clothing home, carers have been issued with a Washing Clothes at Home PIL. (NB. Personal laundry into a water soluble bag, then a patient clothing bag before being given to carer to take home)

**Date Isolation discontinued/ Terminal Clean completed:** …………………..  
**Signature:** …………………………………………………………………………………..  
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**Decolonisation Regime**

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*Usual treatment is with mupirocin. If the MRSA is mupirocin resistant, Naseptin can be used. Do not use Naseptin if allergy to peanuts. Please complete relevant Decolonisation Record for each day of treatment.*
Appendix 1: Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment  
(for patients with known or suspected infection that cannot be isolated)

Daily Assessment / Review Required

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<th>Known or suspected Infection</th>
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<th>Reason unable to isolate</th>
<th>Additional Precautions</th>
<th>Infection Prevention and Control have been informed</th>
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<td>e.g. unexplained loose stools, MRSA, Group A Strep, C. difficile, Influenza, pulmonary tuberculosis.</td>
<td>e.g. unable to isolate, unable to close door of isolation room.</td>
<td>e.g. falls risk, observation required, clinical condition.</td>
<td>e.g. nursed next to a clinical wash hand basin, at end of ward, trolley containing appropriate PPE at end of bed, next to low risk patient, clinical waste bin placed next to bed space.</td>
<td>of patient’s admission and are aware of inability to adhere to IPC Policy? Yes / No</td>
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Daily Assessment Performed by

Initials

Summary Detail of Resolution

Daily risk assessments are no longer required

Signed  ____________________________

Date  ____________________________