

Matilda International Hospital will proactively implement additional infection and contact control measures to reduce the risk of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) and Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) in the hospital. With immediate effect, all patients pending hospital admission to the following units must take a pre-admission questionnaire to have the MRSA and VRE risks assessed by our staff:

- Day Case
- Medical & Surgical (including admission of infants and children)
- Maternity

Pre-admission Questionnaire

The criteria for **VRE** screening are as below:

History of admission* to or medical management in another hospital or healthcare institution in or outside Hong Kong (other than Matilda International Hospital) within last 3 months
Resident of long-term care facility (e.g. elderly homes or home for the disabled) within last 3 months
History of confirmed infection or carriage of the targeted MDROs, except when successful decolonization with clearance of carriage is documented

*client who stays overnight (≥ 6 hours) or invasive procedure done during hospitalization

The criteria for **MRSA** screening are as below:

Client has been diagnosed with MRSA before
Client has been admitted into other hospital's Intensive Care Unit in the past 3 months.

We will also accept pre-screening by your attending doctor. For this, please remember to bring along the doctor's report. This report must be dated within six months of the date of admission to be valid.

MRSA and VRE Screen Tests & Precautionary Measures

If a patient fulfils any one of the criteria mentioned above, the hospital will work with the attending doctor to implement the following precautionary measures:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arrange for the patient to stay in isolation (i.e. stay in single-occupancy room) until MRSA and/or VRE test results are available and reviewed- Arrange for MRSA and VRE screen tests (nasal & rectal swabs) to be performed
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Points to Note

- Where indicated (by the pre-admission questionnaire), patients pending admission are required to take the MRSA and VRE screening tests
- If swab results come back negative, isolation will be lifted, and the patient will be assigned back to the room type of choice.
- Please note that isolation for the entire hospital stay is mandatory under Hospital infection control policy if the Hospital cannot perform the requested screen test on the patient.
- Please note that charges incurred will be put onto the patient's bill. Please see below.

Charge for VRE Screening Package (where indicated only)

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| 1. VRE PACKAGE (UP TO 6 HRS OF ISOLATION) | \$3,100 |
| 2. VRE PACKAGE (ONCE RESULTS ARE CONFIRMED POSITIVE FOR THE FIRST DAY*) | \$5,200 |

**If isolation is needed for the second day or onwards, the daily isolation charge OF \$4,200 will be applied.*

Charge for VRE & MRSA Screening Package (where indicated only)

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| 1. VRE & MRSA PACKAGE (UP TO 6 HRS OF ISOLATION) | \$4,000 |
| 2. VRE & MRSA PACKAGE (ONCE RESULTS ARE CONFIRMED POSITIVE FOR THE FIRST DAY*) | \$6,400 |

**If isolation is needed for the second day or onwards, the daily isolation charge OF \$4,200 will be applied.*

The above package price includes - stay in isolation room and initial MRSA &/ VRE PCR

We sincerely seek your understanding and co-operation on the significance of the targeted screening exercise, and sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused. For enquiries about your medical case, please speak with your attending doctor. For assistance on the ward, please contact your nurse. For customer service enquiries, please contact the Patient Service Manager at 2849 0355 (or ext. 355)

Issued by the Infection Control Committee of the Matilda International Hospital

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