

MRSA INFO

The most commonly identified multidrug-resistant strain of Staph cropping up in hospitals worldwide is methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). Labeled a super bug because it is resistant to so many antibiotics, MRSA is a formidable enemy: It is about two-and-a-half times more lethal than infections that are treatable with methicillin, and its incidence has increased dramatically in the past decade.

ICUs are the most common site of infectious outbreaks, but MRSA can show up just about anywhere in hospitals. In addition, a separate strain called community-acquired MRSA is also showing up more frequently in community settings, especially among people who live or work communally such as athletes, prisoners, children, and military personnel.