

AN MRSA RESOURCE KIT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Data show that methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is a common cause of skin and soft tissue infections in the general population. To help address this problem, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is launching a national initiative to provide healthcare professionals and the general public with up-to-date information about MRSA signs and symptoms, clinical management, and prevention.

For healthcare professionals, this kit contains basic MRSA skin infection information, as well as the latest clinical management guidance. It also includes patient materials to support your patient education efforts. These materials include:

- > A brochure focused on evaluation and treatment of skin infections in the era of community-associated MRSA. The enclosed outpatient treatment algorithm was co-developed by the CDC, American Medical Association (AMA), and the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA)
- > A poster with visuals of MRSA skin and soft tissue infections (SSTIs)

We encourage you to share these materials with your colleagues to help inform them about the increase of MRSA in the community and options for treatment and prevention.

Materials to help you educate patients and caregivers include:

- > A brochure educating patients about MRSA skin infection recognition, management, and prevention
- > A basic MRSA skin infection fact sheet
- > Patient-focused posters to display in exam rooms, waiting rooms, and other patient areas

Please consider giving these materials to patients or caregivers when they have concerns or when they need to share additional information with schools, daycares, athletic teams, etc.

To download PDFs or order additional materials, please visit www.cdc.gov/MRSA.

