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WHAT IS MRSA?

MRSA is short for Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus (Staph.) aureus. Staph. aureus is a common bacteria which is found on the skin of many people, which we call colonisation. It does not usually make you ill.

When Staph. aureus infections do occur, they usually affect the skin only, causing boils, infected cuts and grazes and so on.

MRSA is a type of Staph. aureus that has become resistant to many antibiotics.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT MY BABY HAS MRSA?

All babies on the Neonatal Unit at St. Peter's are routinely screened to look for MRSA. This is done by taking swabs from the nose and groin, on a weekly basis.

Screening helps us to reduce the spread of MRSA.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE RESULTS ARE KNOWN?

Most of the time the swabs will be negative. If a swab comes back with a positive result, it usually means that your baby is only colonised with MRSA.

HOW ELSE MIGHT THIS AFFECT THE CARE OF MY BABY?

If your baby is colonised with MRSA, all staff looking after your baby will take special precautions.

This is to help prevent the spread of MRSA to other babies on the Unit. Any further measures will be discussed with you by the medical and nursing teams.

DO PARENTS & OTHER VISITORS NEED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS?

When handling your baby it is not necessary for you to wear gloves, as you are not going to be touching other babies in the Unit.

However, please wash your hands and use the hand gel on entering the Unit and **immediately after handling your baby before touching anything else** in the room, such as chairs or pillows. You may end up washing your hands several times in one visit.

DO I NEED TO TAKE ANY SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS ONCE MY BABY IS AT HOME?

Once your baby is at home, normal hygiene is sufficient. There are no special precautions you need to take.

DO I NEED TO TELL ANYONE?

If your baby needs to come back into hospital, please tell the nurses and doctors looking after him or her about the MRSA.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require further information or advice, please ask a member of staff. Additional information can also be obtained by logging onto www.dh.gov.uk

Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01932 723553 or email pals@asph.nhs.uk. If you still remain concerned please contact our Complaints Manager on 01932 722612 or email complaints@asph.nhs.uk.

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