

Instructions for resistant bacteria screening

We want to prevent the spread of resistant bacteria. That is why before treatment, samples are taken from persons who may have been exposed to such bacteria.

To help us assess the risk, please answer the questions below (check the appropriate box):

Riskfactor	NO	YES
A. Have you been diagnosed with MRSA bacteria		
B. Is there any person in your household diagnosed with MRSA-, VRE- or CPE – bacteria?		
C. In the previous year, have you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been treated in a hospital/nursing facility abroad? • been living in a refugee camp or an orphanage abroad? • been living in a reception centre? 		
D. Have you been living or working in a pig farm in the previous year?		
E. Have you used intravenous drugs in the previous year?		

If you answered NO to all questions, no bacterial sample is needed.

If you answered YES to any of the questions, call the Hospital District's Infection Unit, tel. 044 - 707 6874, for further instructions.

You may be asked to attend a laboratory appointment to provide bacterial samples. As a rule, the samples should be taken two weeks before you are admitted to hospital.

Make an appointment at either SataDiag laboratory (tel. 02 627 6410, weekdays 10 am–3pm), or www.satadiag.fi) or your local health centre. Please keep this form and bring it with you to the laboratory and hospital.

MRSA samples are taken from the nostrils, throat, anal cleft or skin lesions with a cotton swab.

Other bacterial samples are taken with a swab from the rectum, skin lesions or stool sample.

You will be informed of any results affecting your treatment before coming to the hospital.