

What is MRSA?

Activity sheet – All about MRSA

Your task is to prepare revision notes about MRSA. Your notes can be presented as a:

- bullet point list
- poster
- fact file
- mind map
- spider diagram
- flow chart
- presentation or slide show
- script for a talk or radio program
- podcast

Your notes should include answers to the following questions.

- a) What is MRSA?
 - b) Why is MRSA sometimes called a 'superbug'?
- a) Where is the common harmless bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* found?
 - b) How did the harmless bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* change into MRSA?
- a) When did people first start getting MRSA infections?
 - b) What has happened to the number of MRSA infections since 1990?
 - c) What is the most common age group of people to get MRSA infections?
 - d) In any age group, which sex (male or female) gets more MRSA infections?
- a) What percentage (%) of people are infected with MRSA within two days of arrival in hospital?
 - b) What percentage (%) of people are infected with MRSA more than two days after their arrival in hospital?
 - c) What percentage (%) of hospital deaths are MRSA related?
- 5 How do people get infected with MRSA?
- 6 What is a carrier of MRSA?
- a) How can MRSA be treated?
 - b) Why do doctors prescribe antibiotics less often than in the past?
 - c) Why should patients always finish a complete course of antibiotics?
- 8 Explain how MRSA can be prevented from spreading in hospitals.