

MORNING CMO REPORT

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Eliminating Contact Precautions for MRSA and VRE

[Applies to Community Campus Physicians](#)

MRSA & VRE
Informational

- Starting June 1, patients at the Community campus with MRSA and/or VRE will no longer be on Contact Precautions (*unless there are uncontained secretions, excretions or drainage*).
- This is a 6-month pilot program at the Community campus only.
 - Decision based on Community Campus Risk Assessment data from 2015.
 - The MRSA and VRE onset rate at the Community Campus is < 1%. This low rate has been sustained over several years.
 - Hand Hygiene compliance at the Community Campus is 97%. High compliance rate sustained over several years.
- **During the 6-month pilot:**
 - Policies will not change
 - EPIC “Infection Control Alerts” will still display in the header but there is no need to act on them if they are for MRSA and/or VRE
 - The screening protocols will remain the same
 - CM M-25: [MRSA and VRE Patient Screening and Management](#)
 - Patients with MRSA or VRE will **not** need to be in private rooms

Outstanding Physician Comments

[Applies to All Physicians](#)

Comments
Informational

Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week’s comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate:

Bariatric Surgery Center – Dr. McDonald has continued to impress me with his attention to detail, thoroughness, flexibility, and over all personal care.

Breast Care Program – Dr Siva and Dr Shapiro are both very intelligent, professional and compassionate! I am blessed to have a great team, including my breast surgeon Dr Mary Ellen Grecco who is terrific.

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- Hepatobiliary Clinic** – Dr. Jain for his knowledge and concern for my case!
Dr. Jain is very good at explaining things and very nice.
- Outpatient Neuropsychologist** – Dr. Carone was very professional, thorough and comprehensive. He was able to answer all of our questions and was a tremendous help to our daughter.
Dr. Warren and Michelle were not only professional but also kind and patient. Dr. Warren's assessment and explanation was concise and easy to understand. I was in excellent hands and would recommend Dr. Warren to anyone in need. Many thanks!
- Thoracic Oncology Program**– Dr. Wallen and his entire team- AWESOME!
Dr. Kohman runs a ship shape operation.
Dr. Sah prompt and compassionate.
Dr. Hahn and his Intern Dr Eastwick were beyond wonderful.
- Vascular Surgery Clinic - CC** – Dr. Shaw, I was apprehensive about my visit because I had never met her before. She was very thorough in her exam/review of my tests and history and put me at complete ease. Thank you!

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