



## MRSA and VRE 2007 Questionnaire Instructions

Please find attached the MRSA and VRE 2007 questionnaires, which should be used as of January 1, 2007. Please ensure that the appropriated person(s) in your facility have these forms.

The forms have been updated as per discussions at the breakout session and presentations at the 2006 CNISP meeting in Toronto. The following should be noted:

### For MRSA surveillance

#### **MRSA questionnaires:**

Starting January 1, 2007 all "newly identified" MRSA cases are to be entered directly into the WEBBS system. **Both colonized and infected cases** should have questionnaires completed on them. Entry should be done in a timely manner, preferably at least on a quarterly basis.

**AND**

#### **MRSA laboratory isolates:**

As previously done **only "clinical isolates" are to be sent to the National Microbiology Lab (NML)** as described in the MRSA protocol. ICP are to set up a system in which they can communicate to the lab which isolates are the clinical ones to be sent to the NML. No colonized isolates are to be sent to the NML.

### For VRE surveillance

#### **VRE questionnaires:**

Both **colonized and infected VRE cases** should have questionnaires completed on all "newly identified" VRE cases. Questionnaires should be submitted in paper form to Katie Cassidy until the WEBBS system is set up for VRE. Plans for VRE WEBBS submission to begin is July 1, 2007.

**AND**

#### **VRE laboratory isolate (NEW!):**

Only "clinical isolates" for VRE are to be sent to the NML. Since colonized isolates WILL NOT be sent it is important that question 15 on the questionnaire is completed (VRE genotype).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Katie Cassidy at (613) 954-1718 or at [Katie\\_Cassidy@phac-aspc.gc.ca](mailto:Katie_Cassidy@phac-aspc.gc.ca).

### **Clinical MRSA and all VRE isolates should be sent to:**

Dr. Michael Mulvey  
Head, Nosocomial Infections  
Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health  
1015 Arlington St.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R3E 3R2

Quoting fedex #2299-8435-7  
With the unique code identified on the specimen  
If you have any questions regarding the isolates please contact Dr. Mike Mulvey at (204) 789-2133, FAX (204) 789-2018 or e-mail [Michael\\_Mulvey@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:Michael_Mulvey@hc-sc.gc.ca)

### **MRSA and VRE questionnaires**

Each CHEC Site should enter their own MRSA questionnaires straight into the CNISP WEBBS interface.

For VRE please submit your questionnaires for entry by fax or mail to:

Katie Cassidy  
CNISP Surveillance Officer  
Nosocomial and Occupational Infections Section  
100 Eglantine Driveway, A.L. 0601E2  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9  
Fax: (613) 946-0678