

VCH Acute Care Antibiotic Resistant Organism (ARO) Screening

| | CPO | MRSA | VRE |
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| Screening Locations | All acute care inpatient admissions (excluding mental health) Preadmission clinic when inpatient stay is expected within 14 days | All acute care inpatient admissions (excluding mental health) Preadmission clinic when inpatient stay is expected within 14 days | VRE screening discontinued |
| Screening Criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overnight stay or regular treatment visits to an outpatient clinic (e.g., dialysis) in an international hospital in the past 12 months As requested by IPAC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overnight stay in Canadian and/or international hospital in past 12 months Hemodialysis or chemotherapy in past 12 months Shelter, homeless, illegal drug use, group home, or correction facility in past 12 months As requested by IPAC | |
| Universal Admission Screening* | No | High risk units *Universal admission screens include: direct admit or transfer from another unit/facility | |
| Prevalence Screening | As requested by IPAC | ICU & BTHA – weekly on Monday | |
| Screening Swabs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rectal/ostomy (fecal stained)** If applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sputum/tracheostomy aspirate if coughing Urine if catheterized Open wounds** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nares Perirectal or rectal/ostomy (fecal stained)** If applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open wounds** ** if CPO also required, collect one swab per site and add all AROs indicated | |
| Additional Precautions | Contact Precautions for confirmed and suspected CPO. Private room for confirmed CPO and high risk suspected CPO. Droplet and Contact Precautions if patient has productive cough or if ventilated in ICU | Contact Precautions Droplet and Contact Precautions if MRSA found in sputum/tracheostomy aspirate and patient is coughing | Routine Practices in all locations for both VRE infection and colonization |

Refer to the [ARO Acute Care Patient Placement Algorithm](#)

Refer to the [VCH Infection Control Admission Screening Tool](#)