



AHRQ Safety Program for MRSA Prevention

We are recruiting long-term care facilities to participate in the *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Safety Program for MRSA Prevention*, a free 18-month program that seeks to improve bathing and skincare techniques to reduce pressure injuries, wounds, and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and other Multidrug Resistant Organism (MDRO) transmission.

Beginning in June 2023, this program combines evidence-based guidance with implementation strategies to address the attitudes, beliefs, culture, and barriers that often pose challenges to improving infection prevention practices. This program can help you enhance your infection prevention program and prevent MRSA infection by utilizing evidence-based MRSA prevention strategies including improvement of hand hygiene, proper skin care, antibiotic stewardship, and environmental cleaning.

Participation in this AHRQ program will provide your long-term care facility with technical assistance, coaching, webinars, and tools to support your infection prevention program and resident safety.

Benefits of Participation Include—

- Reducing skin and soft tissue infections
- Reducing pressure injuries and skin tears
- Reducing MDRO infections
- Improving team-based infection prevention practices
- Enhancing communication and teamwork regarding proper skin care
- Increasing resident and family satisfaction

Eligible Long-Term Care Facilities (enrollment limited to adult populations)

- Nursing homes
- Skilled nursing facilities

This program is not designed for long-term acute care facilities (LTACHs), adult day care, home health programs, exclusive hospice facilities, dementia or memory care facilities, or facilities specializing in the care of developmentally disabled or pediatric patients.

How Can I Learn More?

Attend an informational webinar:

Date	Time (ET)	Registration Link
2/23/23	12 pm – 1 pm	https://norc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4HFRAZPdRLyk0Yf0ROKBmA
3/7/23	11 am – 12 pm	https://norc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XrMks0hrTg2OczREXBWSxQ
3/16/23	2 pm – 3 pm	https://norc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SSVChv4DTMGM75loK3JI3g
3/23/23	2 pm – 3 pm	https://norc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EnHAe9s3TZyXoDVQd-U-tw

Visit <https://safetyprogram4mrsaprevention.org/> or email MRSAPrevention@norc.org for more information.

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