

Meet methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

(a.k.a. MRSA)

I am a **drug-resistant bacterium** that usually lives harmlessly on the skin or in the nose. When I enter the body, through **broken skin** or **medical procedures**, I can cause **serious infections** in the **bloodstream, lungs** or **surgical sites**. I also **resist several antibiotics**, making me **harder to treat**.

How do I spread and survive?

I spread through **direct contact**, such as infected skin or contaminated surfaces, and **indirect contact**, including bed rails and **shared medical equipment**. I can **survive for weeks** if not properly cleaned and may be **carried asymptomatically**, allowing me to **spread silently to others**.

How can you stop me?

Prevention is key. Robust cleaning protocols and **disinfectants proven effective against MRSA** are vital to stop transmission and outbreaks. Performing **hand hygiene before and after patient contact** and cleaning **shared equipment** between uses breaks the chain of infection.



For **everyday decontamination** of high-touch surfaces and shared medical equipment, use **Clinell Universal Wipes**, effective in 30 seconds. For **enhanced decontamination** of outbreaks, use **Clinell Peracetic Acid Wipes**, effective in 10 seconds

Use biocides safely. Always read the label and product information before use.