Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)
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Examples:

MRSA on elbow (common location)

MRSA on inner thigh

If you suspect MRSA or any other skin infection, see the athletic trainer or a physician immediately!

Healing MRSA on elbow

MRSA bacteria magnified 20,000 times

**MRSA Facts**

30% of population normally are “carriers” of staph bacteria in their noses. 1% carry MRSA in their noses.

Bacteria enters through a break in skin to cause a MRSA infection.

MRSA infections can be very dangerous and fatal.

MRSA can survive:
- 7 months on dust
- 203 days on a blanket
- 56 days on a mop head
- 9 weeks on cotton

MRSA signs and symptoms include a wound that looks like a spider bite, boil or pimple gone bad. The wound is often red, painful (pain often out of proportion to what you would expect for a skin wound), warm, may have pus, and may be draining to the skin.