

# Community Associated Methicillin resistant Staph aureus (CA-MRSA)

## The Leading Cause of Skin and Soft Tissue Infections in Georgia

### Clinical Features:

- abscess
- cellulitis
- “boil”
- furuncle

## Think MRSA!

It's not just in hospitalized patients anymore!

### Common Misdiagnoses:

- spider bites
- Methicillin Sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus*



### Treatment:

- drain abscess
- culture drainage
- consider packing, then dress wound
- if antibiotics needed avoid penicillins and cephalosporins

Georgia Clinical Guidelines:  
<http://health.state.ga.us/mrsa/>



**Culture before you treat!** Teach patients infection control.

If you have questions about community-associated MRSA, please notify your ICP \_\_\_\_\_ or local health department \_\_\_\_\_

