



BC Centre for Disease Control
AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Date February 17, 2006

Attn: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Interim Guidelines for the Management of Community-Associated Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Infections in Primary Care

Attached are interim guidelines for the management of community-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (CA-MRSA) infection in primary care. These interim guidelines were developed collaboratively by the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, the BC Association of Medical Microbiologists, BC Infectious Disease practitioners and the BC Provincial Infection Control Network.

They will serve to provide needed advice to practitioners while we engage the longer term process with BCMA and others to finalize formal guidelines.

Please create a new section and insert into your Communicable Disease Manual, Chapter 3, Infection Control Guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. David Patrick, Director Epidemiology Services at telephone 604-660-3199, fax 604-660-0197 or by email david.patrick@bccdc.ca or Bruce Gamage, Infection Control Consultant, Laboratory Services at telephone (604) 660-6076, fax (604) 660-6073 or by e-mail bruce.gamage@bccdc.ca.

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