

Infection prevention and control

## Information for patients about MRSA treatment prior to line insertion

The Christie leaflet 'Information for patients about MRSA screening' is included in this pack. It explains what MRSA is and contains contact details should you require further advice.

If you need information in a different format, such as easy read, large print, BSL, braille, email, SMS text or other communication support, please tell your ward or clinic nurse.

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For information and advice visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham or Salford. Opening times can vary, please check before making a special journey.

Contact The Christie Hotline for urgent support and specialist advice  
**The Christie Hotline: 0161 446 3658**  
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



People with a diagnosis of cancer are very vulnerable to infection. Because of this all patients coming in for planned procedures (such as line insertion) will be screened for MRSA. The results of the screening will normally be available in about 72 hours. Prior to your line insertion you will be prescribed treatment to lessen the risk of the germ potentially colonising into an infection at a later date.

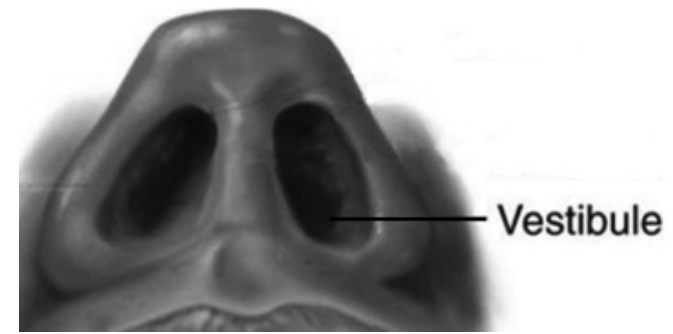
You must start your treatment 2 days prior to your planned procedure date and continue for 2 days after the procedure. The treatment is a total of 5 days.

The treatment consists of Octenisan® antimicrobial hair and body wash, as well as Octenisan® nasal gel (used for moistening, cleaning and decontamination of nasal vestibules).

### **How to use Octenisan® antimicrobial hair and body wash:**

Wet skin and/or hair. Apply undiluted Octenisan® body wash to a damp washcloth and rub evenly all over your body, paying particular attention to armpits, groin and area of skin around your bottom. Leave for no less than 1 min and rinse off. Wash your hair every other day. When washing hair Octenisan® should be used like commercially available products.

Bathe or shower daily. Ensure that you are the sole user of the washcloth and towel. Use a clean and dry washcloth and towel for each shower or bath.



### **How to use Octenisan® nasal gel:**

Using the tip of your finger, introduce a sufficient amount into the front part of the nose (nasal vestibules). Introduce Octenisan® nasal gel into each nostril, close the nose by pressing together the sides of nostrils. Massage between the thumb and forefinger. This ensures that the gel is evenly distributed. Apply twice daily. Take care not to introduce the nasal gel too deep into the nose.

If you experience any difficulty in following this procedure, please contact team dedicated to your treatment, or alternatively The Christie Hotline on the number on the back page of this leaflet.