


<p>Sistema Socio Sanitario</p>  <p>Regione Lombardia ASST Pavia</p>	<p><b>SPECIMEN COLLECTION INFORMATION</b>  <b>Rectal swab</b>  <b>Targeted search for MRSA and VRE resistance for methicillin-resistant S.aureus and vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus</b></p> <p>MOD.22.193.DDC01.20801/PRO.02</p>	<p>Ed 1 Rev 01 15 Luglio 2024</p>
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**Rectal swab for targeted research of MRSA and VRE resistance for:  
Methicillin Resistant S.aureus and Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus**

This request for a targeted rectal swab must always be motivated by diagnostic suspicion

**Collection methods:**

- Insert the swab into the anal orifice by rotating it on the rectal mucosa
- Close the swab well and do not contaminate the external part
- Fill in the appropriate microbiology request specifying that it concerns:
- Rectal swab for the targeted search for multi-resistant BACTERIA

(always report the germ to be looked for otherwise it will be processed for Salmonella)

**Perform a swab for a single multi-resistant bacterium to be tested for:**

1. Rectal swab for: E. faecium/faecalis Vancomycin Resistant
2. Rectal swab for: Methicillin Resistant S. aureus (MRSA).

Pay particular attention when collecting the sample, avoiding contaminating the outside of the swab, as this can also pose infection risks for staff.

**Conservation:**

Deliver as soon as possible to the laboratory during its opening hours