

The Einhaus Group for Women's Health
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Dear Patient,

At the Einhaus Group for Women's Health, we are committed to providing you with the best of care. Because you and your baby's health and safety are important to us, the Einhaus Group for Women's Health is taking part in the state and national patient safety programs to reduce the risk of transmission of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

There are bacteria or germs, both inside and outside the hospital of special concern because they are resistant to antibiotic treatments and can cause infection while patients are receiving medical care. Antibiotic resistance is a growing worldwide problem.

People can carry these germs in or on their body without symptoms, and they can unknowingly be passed from patient to patient, if important steps are not taken. A very important bacteria that may be resistant to many antibiotics most commonly used to treat it, is Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA). MRSA is commonly found on the skin or in the nose.

It is important for your healthcare providers to know if you are carrying MRSA, therefore a specimen will be collected for MRSA testing. The specimen will be collected during your 36 week Beta Hemolytic Strep testing. The specimen is collected by a simple peri-rectal swab.

If your test results are positive, a nurse from our office will call you to inform you of your results. You will be referred to Dupont Hospital to be educated on living with MRSA.

If you are found to carry MRSA, during your hospitalization you will be placed in "contact precautions" to help us prevent the spread of MRSA. This means that the health care staff will be wearing gloves and gowns while caring for you. If antibiotics are needed, you will be given the appropriate antibiotics that are required for MRSA.

Our staff and Dupont Hospital is working hard to protect you and your baby from infection while you are in the hospital, as well as to protect you from infection after you go home.

Thank you for choosing The Einhaus Group for Women's Health for your health care needs.