

Exclusion Criteria:

- Suspected sepsis
- Animal/human bites
- Post-surgical site
- Suspected toxin mediated reaction
- Concern for deeper infection
- Concern for necrotizing infection
- Immunocompromised

Inpatient Criteria:

- Altered mental status
- Worsening despite 48 hours of appropriate oral antibiotics
- Unable to tolerate oral antibiotics
- Suspected Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome

Patient >60 day old with suspected skin and soft tissue infection

History and Physical

- Labs typically **NOT** needed (CBC and Inflammatory Markers)
- Blood culture typically **NOT** needed
- Consider wound culture if there is purulent drainage
- Consider ultrasound if need to determine abscess size

Risk Factors for MRSA:

- Personal history of MRSA
- Family history of MRSA
- Recent or frequent hospitalization

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Does patient meet Inpatient criteria?

Yes → [Inpatient Algorithm](#)

No

