

Staphylococcus aureus

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Staphylococcus aureus is a [Gram-positive bacteria](#) that is a member of the Firmicutes, and is frequently found in the human [respiratory tract](#) and on the [skin](#). It is positive for catalase and nitrate reduction. Although *S. aureus* is not always pathogenic, it is a common cause of [skin infections](#) (e.g. boils), respiratory disease (e.g. [sinusitis](#)), and food poisoning. Disease-associated strains often promote infections by producing potent protein toxins, and expressing cell-surface proteins that bind and inactivate antibodies.

Classification

see [Methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*](#).

see [Methicillin sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus*](#).

Epidemiology

The epidemiology of invasive of *S. aureus* infections continues to evolve with [Methicillin sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus*](#) (MSSA) accounting for most of the infections in the series of Vallejo et al.

The majority of cases were associated with neurosurgical procedures; however, hematogenous *S. aureus* meningitis and spinal epidural abscess (SEA) occurred as community-acquired infections in patients without predisposing factors. Patients with MRSA CNS infections had a favorable response to vancomycin, but the beneficial effect of combination therapy or targeting vancomycin trough concentrations of 15-20 µg/mL remains unclear ¹.

Prevention

Neurosurgical [procedures](#) and immunocompromisation are major [risk factors](#) for [Staphylococcus](#)

[aureus central nervous system infections](#). Hand [hygiene](#), [surveillance](#) nasal [swabs](#) and [perioperative prophylaxis](#) are crucial points for effective SA [infections prevention](#). In case of SA-CNS infections, pending microbiological results, anti-methicillin-resistant SA (MRSA) [antibiotic](#), with good CNS penetration, should be included, with prompt de-escalation as soon as [MRSA](#) is ruled out. Consultation with an expert in antimicrobial therapy is recommended as well as prompt source control when feasible ²⁾.

Treatment

[Staphylococcus aureus treatment](#).

Complications

[Implant](#) failure is a severe and frequent adverse event in all areas of neurosurgery. It often involves infection with [biofilm](#) formation, accompanied by [inflammation](#) of surrounding tissue, including the brain, and bone loss. The most common bacteria involved are [Staphylococcus aureus](#).

see [Staphylococcus aureus brain abscess](#).

see [Hem coagulase-induced thrombotic events](#).

Outcome

Among [central nervous system infections](#) (e.g., [meningitis](#), [brain abscess](#), [ventriculitis](#), [transverse myelitis](#)), those caused by [Staphylococcus aureus](#) (SA) are particularly challenging both in management and treatment, with poor clinical outcomes and long [hospital stay](#) ³⁾.

Case series

[Staphylococcus Aureus Case Series](#).

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Vallejo JG, Cain AN, Mason EO, Kaplan SL, Hultén KG. [Staphylococcus aureus Central Nervous System Infections](#) in [Children](#). *Pediatr Infect Dis J*. 2017 Oct;36(10):947-951. doi: 10.1097/INF.0000000000001603. PubMed PMID: 28399057.

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