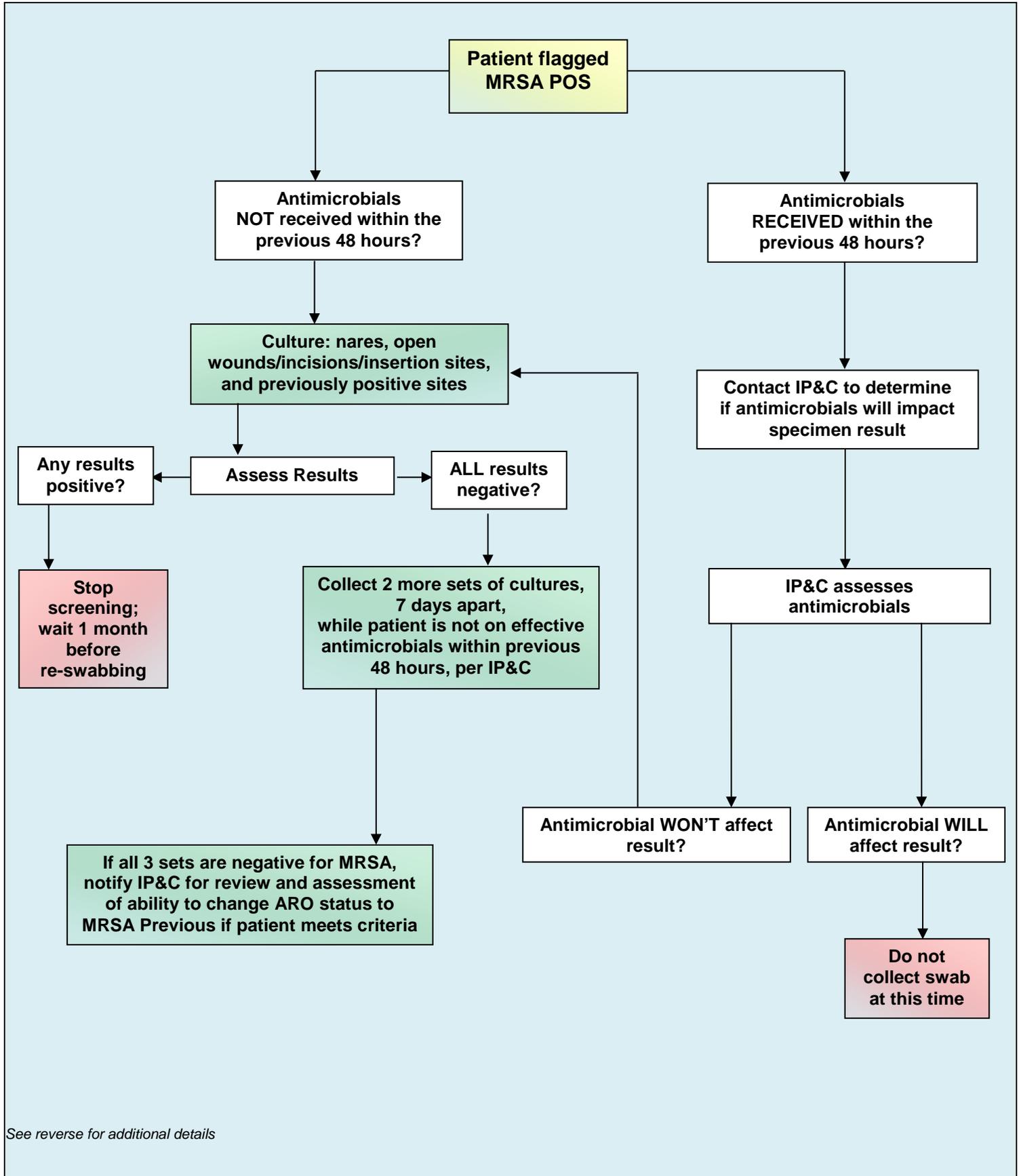




De-Flagging MRSA Positive Patients

NOTE: Refer to the WRHA IP&C Manual for the full [Antibiotic Resistant Organism Specific Disease Protocol](#)



See reverse for additional details

Additional Information

1. **Three consecutive sets of negative screening MRSA cultures (nares, open wounds/incisions/insertion sites, and previously positive sites)**
 - a. **Collected at least one week apart**
 - b. **While off effective antimicrobials (in the previous 48 hours), per IP&C**
 - i. **If antimicrobials administered within the last 48 hours, contact IP&C to determine if it will affect validity of specimen results.**
2. **If a patient is infected/colonized at one or more wound sites (e.g., surgical site, catheter/device exit site) the wound site(s) are healed (i.e., MRSA POS wound site is healed or removed device site); AND the patient has had 3 consecutive negative nares screening cultures, the patient is presumed to no longer be colonized with MRSA. No further screening specimens at the wound site are required.**
3. **If any of the consecutive screening cultures produces a MRSA POS result**
 - a. **Discontinue subsequent cultures**
 - b. **Maintain Contact Precautions, and**
 - c. **Wait at least one month before re-starting screening (from the beginning).**
4. **Do not routinely decolonize for MRSA. This has limited efficacy and may promote further antimicrobial resistance. Decolonization may be considered in selected patients, only under the guidance of an Infectious Diseases Specialist.**

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