

Parameter	Münsterland, Germany (DE-BR) ^a	Twente-Achterhoek, Drenthe, Groningen, Netherlands (NL-BR) ^b
	Mean ^c	Mean ^c
Inpatients/100 inhabitants	24.3	9.27
Patient days/100 inhabitants	167.2	49
Nasopharyngeal swabs for MRSA screening before or at admission to hospital/100 inhabitants	12.2	0.36
Inpatient MRSA cases of colonisation and/or infection/1,000 inhabitants	2.52	0.14
MRSAB/1,000,000 inhabitants	38.4	4.09

DE-BR: German border region; MRSA: methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; MRSAB: MRSA isolated from blood cultures.

^a Patient catchment area of 34 (since 2015: 33) German border region hospitals. This implies that the total number of hospitals in the study region became 41 after 2015.

^b Patient catchment area of eight Dutch border region hospitals.

^c Pooled mean value.