

Region, country (number of BRH)	MRSA cases	Year									
		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Münsterland, Germany (34 DE-BRH)^a	MRSA (total)	4,453	100	4,481	100	4,391	100	4,418	100	4,122	100
	Nosocomial MRSA cases ^b	430	9.7	361	8.1	316	7.2	266	6	260	6.3
	MRSAB cases	72	NA	93	NA	53	NA	56	NA	60	NA
Twente- Achterhoek/ Drenthe/ Groningen, Netherlands (8 NL-BRH)^a	MRSA (total)	216	100	295	100	308	100	321	100	327	100
	MRSA cases with known status imported or nosocomial ^b	77	35.6	133	45	134	43.5	143	44.5	133	40.7
	Nosocomial MRSA cases ^b	10	13.0 ^b	16	12.0 ^b	22	16.4 ^b	18	12.6 ^b	14	10.5 ^b
	MRSAB cases	5	NA	12	NA	11	NA	12	NA	3	NA

DE-BRH: German border region hospitals; MRSA: methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; MRSAB: MRSA isolated from blood cultures; NA: not applicable; NL-BRH: Dutch border region hospitals.

^a From 2015 onwards, the number of DE-BRH was reduced to 33. This implies that the total number of hospitals in the study region became 41 after 2015.

^b Data about the classification of cases as ‘nosocomial’ or ‘imported’ were only available for German hospitals, Dutch hospitals in the Twente-Achterhoek region and since 2013, for one hospital in Groningen, Netherlands. The given percentages refer to the percentages of nosocomial cases among those MRSA cases for whom this information was documented.