

# Conventional Strategies to Control Spread of MRSA

- **Contact Precautions**
- **Hand washing**
- **Environmental concerns**
- **Computerized flagging system for isolation upon readmission**

# Computerized Flagging System

- **Rationale based on long duration of colonization:**
  - MRSA median = 40 months<sup>1</sup>
- **Computerized flagging system<sup>3</sup>**
  - significantly increases recognition of cases on readmission ( $p < 0.001$ )

<sup>1</sup>Sanford, *CID* 1994;19:1123. <sup>2</sup>Patel, *Liver Transpl* 2001;7:27.

<sup>3</sup>Pittet *ICHE* 1996;17:496.