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- The State HAI Coordinator approves requests for colonization screening in the state where screening is performed.
- To coordinate with ARLN for screening, contact the regional lab by phone or email.
- Patient permission (or from the guardian) is required to collect rectal swabs.
- Screening FAQs are available for patients, and facilities are encouraged to leave a copy with each patient approached for screening.
- After testing, results will be sent to the submitting HAI coordinator and the submitting facility.
- For additional information, remember to refer to the *Interim Guidance for a Public Health Response to Contain Novel or Targeted Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDROs)*.
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