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Help us prevent the spread of MRSA in the hospital

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Dear student,

As a student in Denmark, you will come into contact with patients during your clinical placement.
It is important to quickly determine whether you may be a carrier of the staphylococcus bacteria known as MRSA. MRSA can spread in hospitals and cause illness in already vulnerable individuals.

International students on study placements, regardless of the duration of their stay, must follow the Danish Health Authority's recommendations regarding MRSA.

In connection with your hospital placement in Denmark, you must present an MRSA screening with swabs taken from the nose, throat, and between the buttocks. The test must not be older than 30 days at the start of your hospital placement.

If you test positive for MRSA, you must have been treated for MRSA carriage in your home country before beginning your placement. You must also receive hygiene guidance at the Department of Infection Control, North Region Denmark.

Your placement site can also receive guidance from the Department of Infection Control North Region Denmark.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your placement site.

Kind regards,

UCN International Office

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Facts About MRSA

MRSA stands for "Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus." MRSA is a type of staphylococcus bacteria that is resistant to the most commonly used antibiotics.

A healthy person has a low risk of becoming seriously ill from MRSA, but the bacteria can sometimes cause bothersome infections such as boils and wounds.

In already weakened individuals, MRSA can cause serious infections that require long and complicated treatment.

It is therefore important to prevent the spread of MRSA in hospitals.