

Table 1. Bacterial Isolates from Purulent Skin and Soft-Tissue Infections in 11 U.S. Emergency Departments*

SITE	NO. OF PATIENTS ENROLLED (N = 422)	MRSA (N = 249)†	MSSA (N = 71)	OTHER BACTERIA (N = 64)‡	NO BACTERIAL GROWTH (N = 38)
				<i>number (percent)</i>	
Albuquerque	42	25 (60)	10 (24)	3 (7)	4 (10)
Atlanta	32	23 (72)	4 (12)	3 (9)	2 (6)
Charlotte, N.C.	25	17 (68)	0	4 (16)	4 (16)
Kansas City, Mo.	58	43 (74)	6 (10)	4 (7)	5 (9)
Los Angeles	47	24 (51)	6 (13)	8 (17)	9 (19)
Minneapolis	28	11 (39)	4 (14)	9 (32)	4 (14)
New Orleans	69	46 (67)	11 (16)	9 (13)	3 (4)
New York	20	3 (15)	8 (40)	5 (25)	4 (20)
Philadelphia	58	32 (55)	12 (21)	12 (21)	2 (3)
Phoenix, Ariz.	30	18 (60)	8 (27)	4 (13)	0
Portland, Oreg.	13	7 (54)	2 (15)	3 (23)	1 (8)

* A total of 31 cultures, including 10 cultures from which MRSA was isolated, were polymicrobial. Because of rounding, percentages may not total 100. MSSA denotes methicillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus*.

† $P < 0.001$ for the test for homogeneity of MRSA prevalence across sites.

‡ Other bacteria isolated were as follows: MSSA (17 percent), streptococcus species (7 percent), coagulase-negative staphylococci (3 percent), and *Proteus mirabilis* (1 percent).

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