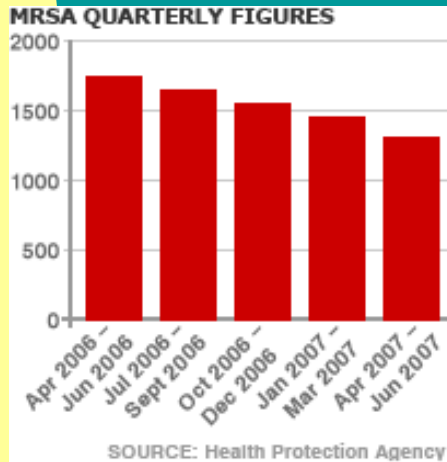


## MRSA BY THE NUMBERS

- 127,000 MRSA infections in 1999
- 11,000 deaths U.S 1999
- U.S 278,00 in 2005
- 17,000 deaths U.S 2005
- 18,650 hospital related deaths
- 94,360 serious infections in U.S 2007



For More Information Visit:

[www.state.nj.us/health/cd/mrsa/index.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/mrsa/index.shtml)

OR..

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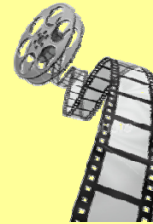
## ► What is it?

- Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
- Infection causing bacterium
- Resistant to many common antibiotics
- Acquired relatively easily
- Can cause death
- Very contagious

## How can you acquire it?

- Direct person — person contact
- Sharing sports equipment
- Sharing Personal items
- Poor hygienic habits
- Inadequate hand washing
- Contact in hospital or clinic
- Open cuts or wounds exposed to outside environment

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## What are the symptoms?

- May cause redness and swelling
- Pain and tenderness to touch
- Infected area may be full of pus or other drainage
- May cause fever
- Pustules or boils may appear on or around infection



## How can you prevent it?

- Practice good hygiene
- Avoid sharing personal items such as athletic gear
- Use barrier devices between you and shared public equipment
- Wash your hands
- Keep any wounds covered
- Do not pick at any sores

