



FIGURE. Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in the leg of an evacuee from Hurricane Katrina — Dallas, Texas, September 2005



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Community Acquired (CA) MRSA usually appears as a skin infection such as a boil or pustule. A boil is a red, raised and swollen area with pus below the skin causing pain and discomfort.

Treatment consists of the doctor incising the boil and draining out the pus. The doctor may or may not prescribe an antibiotic. The wound then needs to be kept clean and covered with a clean, dry bandage at all times.

