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According to CDC, the proportion of *Staphylococcus aureus* infections that are resistant to antibiotics has grown from 2% in 1974 to 63% in 2004. Traditionally a

hospital-acquired infection, methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) is increasingly found in nonhospital settings as well. The authors of this month's cover article, "Assessment of Athletic Health Care Facility Surfaces for MRSA in the Secondary School Setting," studied the prevalence of MRSA in 10 high school athletic settings and found MRSA in nine of the 10 schools. The authors stress the need for education about MRSA and other skin and soft tissue infections.

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