1,561 patients met inclusion criteria

- 1,047 adult patients
  - 357 randomly selected
    - 54 refused to participate or did not give consent
    - 303 evaluated
      - 6 excluded: 2 without admission swab, 4 included in previous admission
      - 297 included in the analysis of prevalence at admission
      - 18 patients with positive cultures: 16 colonized, 2 infected
      - 279 not colonized at admission
      - 104 discharged without a second swab
      - 175 with at least a second swab during hospitalization
      - 20 colonized with MRSA during hospitalization

- 514 pediatric patients
  - 223 randomly selected
    - 23 refused to participate or did not give consent
    - 200 evaluated
      - 24 excluded: 11 without admission swab, 13 included in previous admission
      - 176 included in the analysis of prevalence at admission
      - 172 not colonized at admission
      - 71 discharged without a second swab