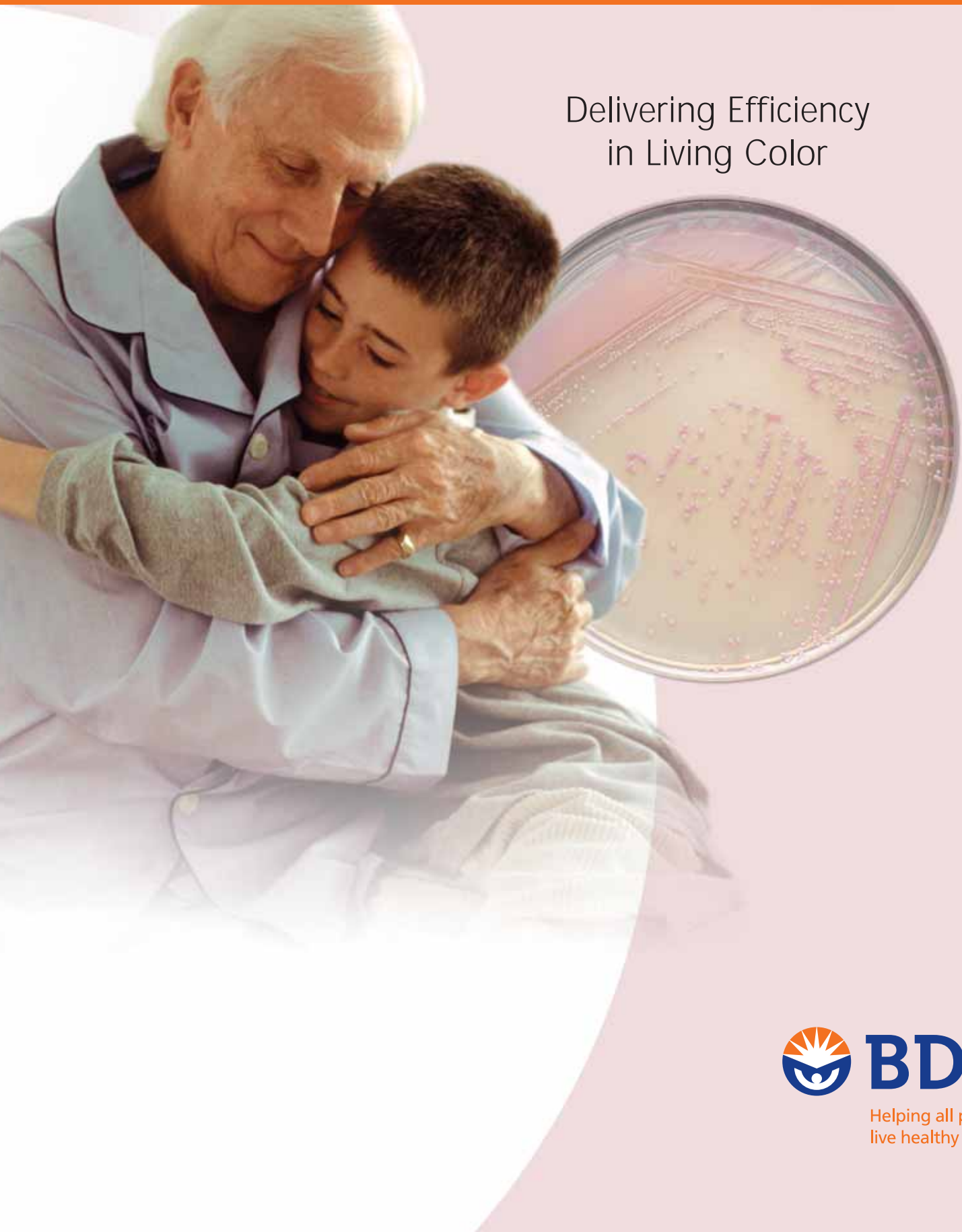


# BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA

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The prevalence of nosocomial infections caused by methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) has been increasing for several years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that between 60,000 to 80,000 Americans die each year from nosocomial infections and the cause in the majority of cases is *S. aureus*. Use of active surveillance cultures to identify colonized patients is an important part of any infection control strategy.

BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA is designed for the qualitative, direct detection of nasal colonization by MRSA. Swab samples are taken from the anterior nares of patients and healthcare workers to screen for MRSA colonization. The introduction of BBL CHROMagar MRSA provides laboratorians with many benefits compared to traditional MRSA screening algorithms:

- Unique combination of chromogenic substrates and a cephalosporin to provide a familiar and simple method to perform MRSA testing
- Rapid results—direct detection and identification of most MRSA in as little as 24 hours without confirmatory testing<sup>1</sup>
- 96% agreement of MRSA and 97% agreement of MSSA compared to *mecA* PCR<sup>2</sup>
- Greater recovery—8% greater recovery than traditional screening algorithms
- Fewer total coagulase and latex tests performed saves money
- Reduces the number of susceptibility tests performed on non-MRSA isolates
- Less labor required than traditional MRSA algorithms—which use multiple plates and reagents

## Ordering Information

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
215084	BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA	20 Plates
ALSO AVAILABLE		
254102	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation	20 Plates
215081	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation	100 Plates
254093	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida	20 Plates
214982	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Staph aureus	20 Plates
214984	BBL™ CHROMagar™ O157	20 Plates
214983	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella	20 Plates
215085	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Listeria	20 Plates

<sup>1</sup> BD data on file, mauve colonies at 48 hours require a confirmatory coagulase test.  
<sup>2</sup> BD data on file.



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