Hi, my name is [INSERT NAME] and I work for [INSERT HEALTHCARE FACILITY NAME]. I'm here to talk to you about some screening the [INSERT HEALTHCARE FACILITY NAME] is doing to check for a rare germ. Recently, the Florida Department of Health, or “Florida Health” for short, has found patients in our health care community who carry a rare germ that is not killed by antibiotics called a multidrug-resistant organism or “MDRO” for short. (Or insert specific suspected organisms [i.e., Verona integron-encoded metallo-β-lactamase-producing *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or “VIM”]).

We are screening patients for this germ because some people can carry this germ without knowing it. This is called colonization and these germs can be unknowingly spread to others in health care facilities. To make sure this germ does not spread, we are working with Florida Health to screen patients to make sure that they are not carrying it.

Conducting this test is completely voluntary and you can choose not to, but we and Florida Health recommend you get the test so that we may provide you with the most effective care.

The process is very simple and takes just a few seconds. We would need to swab inside your rectum. To do that, we would gently insert just the tip of a soft swab, which looks like a “Q-tip”, into your rectum, gently rotate it, and then remove it. The process is not painful. If you’re not comfortable with us doing this, you can use the swab yourself to gently wipe a few times around your anus. The downside to swabbing yourself is that it may decrease our ability to find the germ than if you let a health care professional do it.

The swab will be sent to a lab to test for the germ, which will take a few days. If they find the germ, someone will contact you to discuss what to do. The results of the test will be kept as confidential medical information.

Do you have any questions? [pause for questions]

Is it OK if we conduct the test?