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Laboratory location:

Location details	Activity	Location code
Address Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Kelvin Building Royal Group of Hospitals Grosvenor Road Belfast BT12 6BA United Kingdom	Local contact As above	Bacteriology testing Molecular testing Serology testing A

Site activities performed away from the locations listed above:

Location details	Activity	Location code
Address: Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Genitourinary Medicine Clinic Level 3 Outpatients Department Royal Victoria Hospital Grosvenor Road Belfast BT12 6BA	Local Contact: As above	Culture and microscopy for STDs B



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Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used	Location Code
<p>HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES</p> <p>Sputum, BAL, CAPD Fluid, Ear Swab, Female Genital Swab, Tissue / Biopsy, Non-Sterile Body Fluid, Sterile Body Fluid, Intravascular cannulas, Male Genital Swab, Nose Swab Sinus Aspirate, Skin / Wound Swabs, Upper respiratory tract swabs, Eye Swabs /Corneal Scrape, CSF, Prosthetic Joint samples</p>	<p><u>Microbiology examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u></p> <p><u>Bacteriology</u></p> <p>General isolation and characterisation of micro-organisms of clinical significance</p>	<p>In house documented methods based on related PHE Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs), incorporating manufacturers' instructions where relevant</p> <p>Using manual culture SOP: M-399</p> <p>M-381 Cystic Fibrosis Sputum M-382 Routine Sputum M-383 BAL M-384 Enteric Pathogens M-385 CAPD Fluid M-386 Ear Infection M-387 Female Genital Tract Infection M-388 Tissues and Biopsies M-389 Non-sterile Fluids and Associated Samples M-390 Sterile Fluids M-391 Investigation of intravascular cannulas M-392 Male Genital Tract Infection M-394 Nose Investigations M-395 Sinus Aspirates M-396 Skin and Soft Tissue M-397 Upper Respiratory Tract M-402 Eye Infection M-405 CSF Examination M-410 Samples from Prosthetic Joint Infections</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p>
<p>Whole blood inoculated culture bottles</p>	<p>Detection of microbial growth and general isolation of micro-organisms of clinical significance</p>	<p>bioMérieux BACT/ALERT® VIRTUO® Microbial Detection System SOP: M-403</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p>



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Cultures isolated in-house	<u>Bacteriology</u> (cont'd) Identification of microorganisms of clinical significance	Automated procedures: Vitek 2 (biochemical tests for gram positive and gram negative bacteria, anaerobic bacteria and yeast). Vitek MS MALDI-Tof (Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionisation) M -813 Manual procedures: Streptococcal Grouping Oxidase test Blactamase activity SOP: M-401	A
Cultures isolated in-house	Antimicrobial susceptibility testing of bacterial isolates of clinical significance	Vitek 2 and disc diffusion (EUCAST guidelines) SOP: M-400	A
Body fluid, tissue, bacterial culture isolates produced by laboratory culture	Bacterial differentiation: gram positive /negative and morphology	Gram stain and microscopy SOP: M-401	A
Male and female fluid specimens. smears from urethral, vaginal, cervix, throat and rectum	Bacterial differentiation: gram positive /negative and morphology	Gram stain and microscopy SOP: M-438	B



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	<u>Bacteriology</u> (cont'd)		
Male and female fluid specimens. smears from urethral, vaginal, cervix, throat and rectum	Isolation of <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	Inoculated culture VCAT plate SOP: M-438	B
	Isolation and identification of <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>	Culture using Trichomonas broth medium Wet Preparation/microscopy SOP: M-438	B
Nasal Swabs Groin swabs Wound and other relevant sites Urine Sputum	MRSA screening/confirmation	Chromogenic agar culture and Vitek MS SOP: M-393	A
Nasal Swabs Groin swabs Rectal swabs Faeces Wound and other relevant sites Urine Sputum	Carbapenemase producing organism screening/confirmation	Culture and Vitek MS SOP: M-413 and M -813	A
Faeces	Detection of <i>Clostridioides difficile</i>	PCR: SeroSep EntericBio SOP: M-505	A
Faeces	Detection of <i>C. difficile</i> toxin A and B	Techlab Quik Chek rapid membrane enzyme immunoassay kit SOP: M-505	A



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	<u>Bacteriology</u> (cont'd)		
Faeces	Detection of Enteric Pathogens: <i>Salmonella</i> sp. <i>Shigella</i> spp. <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 and other Enteropathogenic <i>E. coli</i> <i>Campylobacter</i> spp. <i>Yersinia</i> spp. <i>Vibrio</i> spp.	PCR: SeroSep EntericBio SOP: M-384	A
Faeces	Detection of cryptosporidium and giardia	PCR: SeroSep EntericBio SOP: M-384	A
Faeces	Ova, cysts and parasites.	Parasitology M-506	A
Urine	Detection and quantification of white cells, epithelial cells and bacteria	Sysmex UF 5000 using Fluorescence flow cytometry. M-1654	A
CSF, CAPD ,Ascites, pleural, Knee fluids	Differential Cell Count Reporting numbers of leucocytes and percentage Polymorphs & Lymphocytes	Microscopy using Haemocytometer SOP: M-569	A
Blood collected in Quantiferon tubes	Detection of M. tuberculosis	Sandwich CLIA using IGRA Quantiferon-TB Gold Blood Test SOP: M-2053	A
Serum, BAL	Aspergillus galactomannan antigen detection	IMMY Lateral Flow Assay using Aspergillus Galactomannan LFA and Cube Reader SOP: M-2217	A
Vaginal smears	Microscopy for bacterial vaginosis	Hay/Ison grading system SOP: M-438	A
Vaginal and anorectal swabs	Detection of Carriage of Group B Streptococci	Selective Enrichment Culture SOP: M-2129	A
CSF	Automated differential cell count	Sysmex UF-5000 SOP: M-405	A



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<p>Blood</p>	<p>Culture, identification and sensitivity testing of Mycobacteria</p>	<p>Liquid culture of Mycobacteria using FX200 SOP: M-418</p>	<p>A</p>



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Keratinised Tissue	<u>Mycology</u> Isolation and identification of fungi of clinical significance (dermatophytic)	Culture, macroscopic examination and microscopy SOP: M-419; M-421	A
Body Fluid; Tissue; Sputum; Swabs Throat Swabs Ear Swabs	Isolation, identification and susceptibility testing of non-dermatophytic fungi / yeasts of clinical significance	Culture SOP: M-420 API and Vitek 2 SOP: M-422 SOP: M-424 Sensititre	A
Joint fluid	<u>Miscellaneous</u> Presence of crystals	Centrifugation/ polarising Microscopy SOP: M-414	A
Throat swab	<u>Molecular testing</u> Neisseria gonorrhoeae confirmation	Cepheid GeneXpert® Nucleic acid amplification test. Reverse transcriptase PCR SOPs: M-800 M-1538	
Respiratory samples (swabs, secretions and washings)	Influenza Typing: H1(2009)/H3 (currently circulating) – RNA detection	FLOW: 'In-House Real Time PCR TaqMan Assays'. Using Primary Sample Handling instrument, MagNA Pure 96 extractor, PCR Set Up instrument, LightCycler 480 analyser and Aurora analysis software. SOPs: M-513 (Mastermix preparation) M-823/M-824 (FLOW)	



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Respiratory samples (swabs, secretions and washings)	<u>Molecular testing</u> (cont'd) Coronavirus Typing: OC43/229E/NL63/ – RNA detection	FLOW: 'In-House Real Time PCR TaqMan Assays'. Using Primary Sample Handling instrument, MagNA Pure 96 extractor, PCR Set Up instrument, LightCycler 480 analyser and Aurora analysis software. SOPs: M-513 (Mastermix preparation) M-823/M-824 (FLOW)	A
Respiratory samples (swabs, secretions and washings), faeces, EDTA plasma, serum	Meningeal and sepsis screen: Enterovirus (Coxsackie/Echo) Parvovirus (1-6) Neisseria meningitidis Streptococcus pneumoniae Haemophilus influenzae – DNA or RNA detection	FLOW: 'In-House Real Time PCR TaqMan Assays'. Using Primary Sample Handling instrument, MagNA Pure 96 extractor, PCR Set Up instrument, LightCycler 480 analyser and Aurora analysis software. SOPs: M-513 (Mastermix preparation) M-823/M-824 (FLOW)	A
Respiratory samples	Respiratory Screen 16: Metapneumovirus (A and B) Parainfluenza (1,2 3, 4) Adenovirus Human rhinovirus	In-house Real Time PCR Taqman Assays - FLOW: SOPs: M-823 FLOW System M-824 FLOW Analysis	A



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Respiratory samples (cont'd)	Respiratory Atypical Screen: Mycoplasma pneumoniae Chlamydia pneumoniae Legionella pneumophila	FLOW: As described above	A
	Bordetella pertussis	FLOW: As described above	A
	Pneumocystis jirovecii	FLOW: As described above	A
CSF	Meningeal and Sepsis Screen: Enterovirus Parecovirus Neisseria meningitidis Strep pneumoniae Haemophilis influenzae	FLOW: As described above	A
EDTA plasma, serum, respiratory samples (swabs, secretions and washings), post-mortem tissues	Parvovirus B19 – DNA detection	FLOW (as described above).	A



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	<u>Molecular testing</u> (cont'd)		
Saliva, buccal swabs, throat swabs	Mumps (Mumps orthorubulavirus) – RNA detection	FLOW (as described above).	A
Respiratory samples (swabs, secretions and washings)	Measles (Morbillivirus hominis) – RNA detection	FLOW (as described above).	A
EDTA plasma, serum, genital swabs, anal swabs, urine, post-mortem tissues, respiratory samples (swabs, secretions and washings)	Treponema pallidum (Syphilis) – DNA detection	FLOW (as described above).	A
Respiratory samples (swabs, secretions and washings)	Coxiella burnetii (Q Fever) – DNA detection	FLOW (as described above).	A
Rectal swabs	Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)	FLOW (as described above)	A
CSF and Ocular samples	Toxoplasma gondii DNA	FLOW (as described above)	
Serum or plasma	Hepatitis E RNA	Altona RealStar® HEV RT-PCR Kit 2.0	A
	Quantitation of:	Quantification of nucleic acids using the Roche cobas 8800:	A
Plasma and urine samples	BK virus DNA	cobas BKV assay M-2241: Cobas 8800 BKV assay	
Serum and EDTA plasma samples	CMV DNA	cobas CMV assay M-2243: LP - Cobas 8800 CMV quantitative assay	
Serum and EDTA plasma samples	EBV DNA	cobas EBV assay M-2242: LP - Cobas 8800 EBV quantitative assay	



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	<u>Molecular testing</u> (cont'd)		
Serum and EDTA plasma samples	HBV DNA	cobas HBV assay M-2055: LP – Cobas 8800 HBV quantitative assa	A
Serum and EDTA plasma samples	HCV RNA	cobas HCV assay M-2054: LP - Cobas 8800 HCV quantitative assay	
EDTA plasma samples	HIV RNA	cobas HIV-1 assay M-2049: LP - Cobas 8800 HIV-1 quantitative assay	
	Detection of:	Detection of nucleic acids using the Roche cobas 8800:	
Nasal swab, Nasal/Throat swab, Sputum, Throat swab, Nasopharyngeal swab	Influenza A, Influenza B and RSV nucleic acid	Influenza A/B & RSV UC assay M-2313: LP - COBAS 8800 Influenza A/B & RSV UC Assay	
Anterior nasal (nasal) swab, saliva specimens nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swab specimens	SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid	cobas SARS-CoV-2 assay M-2040: LP - Cobas 8800 SARS-CoV-2 assay	
urine, vaginal swab specimens, endocervical swab specimens, oropharyngeal (throat) swab specimens, anorectal swab specimens, cervical specimens and eye swabs	CT/NG nucleic acid	cobas CT/NG qualitative assay M-2041:LP – Cobas 8800 CTNG assay	



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<p>HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd)</p> <p>Nasopharyngeal specimens</p> <p>Nasopharyngeal swab, nasal swab or nasal wash/aspirate specimens</p> <p>urine, vaginal swabs, endocervical swabs, pharyngeal, rectal swabs and eye swabs</p>	<p><u>Microbiology examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u> (cont'd)</p> <p><u>Molecular testing</u> (cont'd)</p> <p>Influenza A subtyping: H1 (H1pdm09) and H3</p> <p>Detection of SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, and RSV nucleic acid</p> <p>Detection of CT/NG nucleic acid</p>	<p>COBAS 8800, cobas® omni Utility Channel Reagent Kit, RT-qPCR M-2846</p> <p>Cepheid GeneXpert: M-800: Operation and maintenance of the GeneXpert System</p> <p>Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV assay</p> <p>Cepheid Xpert CT/NG assay</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p>



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	<u>Molecular typing</u>		
Pseudomonas aeruginosa positive cultures	Pseudomonas aeruginosa 5-locus MLVA	5 Locus MLVA Typing Nucleic acid amplification using Tetrad thermocycler Sequencing using ABI3500xl SOP: M-1193	A
C.difficile positive cultures	C. difficile	PCR Ribotyping Nucleic acid amplification using Tetrad thermocycler Sequencing using ABI3500xl SOP: M-535	A
	<u>Serology</u>		
Serum	Anti-Streptolysin O - IgG/IgM Quantitation	Latex agglutination SOP: M-426	A
Serum		Cobas 8000 e801	A
	Syphilis	Sandwich test SOP: M-2252	
	Toxoplasma IgG	ELFA SOP: M-2252	
	Toxoplasma IgM	μ-Capture SOP: M-2252	
	HIV	Sandwich test SOP: M-2252	
	Anti - HAV	Competition Test SOP: M-2252	
	Anti-HAV IgM	μ-Capture test SOP: M-2252	
	HBsAg II	Sandwich test SOP: M-2252	



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Serum	<u>Serology</u> (cont'd)	bioMérieux VIDAS® Enzyme Linked Fluorescent Assay (ELFA)	A
	HIV DUO Quick– p24,IgG,IgM	SOP: M- 2271	
	Anti HBc Total II	SOP: M- 2271	
	CMV IgG Avidity II	SOP: M- 2271	
	HBsAg Confirmation	SOP: M- 2271	
	Anti-HCV	SOP: M- 2271	
	Syphilis Reagin Antibodies	Biorad Rapid Plasma Reagin Test Kit SOP: M-2444	
	Treponema pallidum	Fortress Diagnostics TPHA Test. SOP: M-2511	
	HIV 1 & 2 Confirmation	Geenius SOP: M-1330	
Serum	Rubella IgM	SOP M-2271	



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Serum	<u>Serology</u> (cont'd)		
	VZV IgG	Liaison XL 2-step immunoassay SOP: M-1329	A
	EBV VCA IgG	SOP: M-1329	
	EBV IgM	SOP: M-1329	
	B19 IgG	SOP: M-1329	
	B19 IgM	SOP: M-1329	
	Measles IgG	SOP: M-1329	
	Borrelia IgG	SOP: M-1329	
	Borrelia IgM	SOP: M-1329	
	HEV IgM	SOP: M-1329	
	HEV IgG	SOP: M-1329	



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	<u>Serology</u> (cont'd)		
Urine	Detection of Legionella pneumophila antigen and Streptococcus pneumoniae	Legionella & Strep. pneumoniae urinary antigen detection tests using Abbot BinaxNOW SOP: M-1885	A
Serum	Virclia Syphilis IgM	Vircell VirClia Instrument SOP: M-2349	A
Serum	Virclia Q fever IgM	Vircell VirClia Instrument SOP: M-2349	A
	Detection of:	Roche FLOW System: M-2002 M-823	
Genital swab, skin swab, conjunctival swab/fluid, respiratory samples, CSF, tissue	Herpes simplex virus 1, herpes simplex virus 2	Using Altona RealStar HSV PCR kit, RT-qPCR	A
Skin swab, conjunctival swab, respiratory samples, CSF, tissue	Varicella zoster virus	Altona RealStar VZV PCR kit, RT-qPCR	A
Swab (lesion, vesicle, ulcer), throat swab	Non-variola orthopoxvirus	RealStar Zoonotic Orthopoxvirus PCR Kit, RT-qPCR	A
Samples positive to the non-variola orthopox assay: swab (lesion, vesicle, ulcer), throat swab	MPOX confirmatory assay	RT-qPCR	A
Samples positive to the MPOX confirmatory assay: Swab (lesion, vesicle, ulcer), throat swab	MPOX clade typing	RT-qPCR	A
END			