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Locations covered by the organisation and their relevant activities

Laboratory locations:

Location details	Activity	Location code
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Rapid Response Laboratory Royal Free Hospital Pond Street London NW3 2QG Jacqueline Sutherland +44 (0) 20 7307 7373	Microbiology	B

Site activities performed away from the locations listed above:

Location details	Activity	Location code
Rapid Response Laboratory North Middlesex University Hospital Sterling Way Edmonton N18 1QX Jacqueline Sutherland	Blood culture loading and analysis; positive samples transferred to Location A for processing	C
Rapid Response Laboratory Barnet Hospital Wellhouse Lane Barnet EN5 3DJ Jacqueline Sutherland	Blood culture loading and analysis; positive samples transferred to Location A for processing Specimen reception and transport of microbiology samples to Location A for processing	D



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HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES	<u>General Microbiology</u>		
	<u>Examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u>	In house documented methods based on related UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs) and incorporating manufacturers' instructions where relevant	
Swabs from genital sites, wound sites, eyes, throats ears and related body sites and respiratory samples	General isolation of micro-organisms of clinical significance	Automated culture onto selected media using BD Kiestra SOPs MIC1-MP3-11, MIC1-MP3-1, MIC1-MP3-4, MIC1-MP3-9, MIC1-MP3-10	A
Swabs from genital sites, wound sites, eyes, throats ears and related body sites. Fluids, lines, tips, tissues, pus and respiratory samples. Corneal Impression membrane (CIM).	General isolation of micro-organisms of clinical significance	Manual culture onto selected media SOPs MIC1-MP3-1, MIC1-MP3-10/1, MIC1-MP3-12, MIC1-MP3-4/9	A
Swabs from genital sites, wound sites, eyes, throats ears and related body sites.	General isolation of yeasts of clinical significance	Culture using E&O Can Plus chromogenic media MIC4-MP4-12	A
Ear, nose, throat axilla and other swabs from body sites as may be requested. Liquid Amies swabs.	Isolation and identification of MRSA bacteria	Manual culture using chromogenic (Brilliance 2) media SOP MIC4-MP4-15	A
Nose swabs	Detection of mecA and mecC strains of MRSA	PCR using Cepheid GeneXpert Infinity SOP SAM2-MP0-4	A
Swabs from throat using liquid amies swabs	Group A Streptococcus screening	PCR using Cepheid GeneXpert Infinity SOP SAM2-MP0-4	A



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Whole Blood, fluid, tissue, bone	Detection of microbial growth and isolation of micro-organisms of clinical significance	By fluorescence detection using Bactec FX SOP MIC2-MP3-6/7, MIC1-MP3-12	A, C & D
Bacterial and yeast cultures isolated in-house	General identification of micro-organisms of clinical significance	By matrix assisted laser desorption ionisation using Bruker MALDI-ToF SOP MIC4-MP4-21	A
Presumptive positive cultures from Bactec FX	Provisional identification of organisms of clinical significance	Bruker Sepsityper and Bruker MALDI-ToF SOP MIC2-MP3-8	A
Rectal swabs	Isolation of: Carbapenemase Producing Enterobacteriaceae	Manual culture using chromogenic media SOP MIC4-MP4-16	A



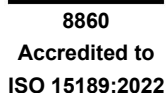
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Bacterial cultures isolated in-house	General identification of micro-organisms of clinical significance	General kit based biochemical identification methods: SOP MIC2-MP3-9-Q-3 Oxidase SOP MIC2-MP3-9-Q-4 Prolex Streptococcus Grouping Remel Staph aurex	A
Vaginal swabs	Detection of Trichomonas vaginalis	Manual Inverted Microscopy and culture in liquid media SOP MIC2-MP3-4	A
Bacterial cultures isolated in-house	Antimicrobial susceptibility testing	By MIC testing using BD Phoenix and EUCAST guidelines SOP MIC4-MP4-23 Manual disc diffusion using antimicrobial discs and EUCAST guidelines SOP MIC4-MP4-18, MIC4-MP4-3 Gradient MIC using E-test SOP MIC4-MP4-24	A A A
Bacterial cultures isolated in-house	Colistin susceptibility testing	Broth microdilution using ComASP SOP MIC4-MP4-24	A
Bacterial cultures isolated in-house	Detection of Carbapenemase production	Immunochromatography using NG-Test Carba5 lateral flow assay SOP MIC4-MP4-16	A



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<p>HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd)</p> <p>Faeces</p> <p>Blood cultures, fluids, tissues, bone and cultures isolated in-house</p> <p>CSF</p> <p>Fluids</p> <p>Hair, nails, skin scales, sputum tissues, mouth swabs</p> <p>Serum & CSF</p> <p>Urine</p>	<p><u>General Microbiology (cont'd)</u></p> <p><u>Examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u></p>	<p>In house documented methods incorporating manufacturers' instructions where relevant</p> <p>Automated ELISA using Gemini with reference to the following kits and procedures:</p>	
	Detection of Helicobacter antigen	Meridian Premier HpSA Plus SOP MIC5-MP4-2	A
	Differentiation between Gram positive and negative bacteria	Manual microscopy using Gram stain and ELITech stainer SOP MIC1-MP3-15	A
	Detection of acid fast bacilli	Manual microscopy using Auramine stain and ELITech stainer SOP MIC1-MP3-15	A
	Differentiation of white blood cells	Manual microscopy using Giemsa stain and ELITech Stainer SOP MIC1-MP3-15	A
	Examination for white and red blood cells, bacteria and yeasts	Manual microscopy using C-Chip counting chamber and light microscope SOP MIC1-MP3-10	A
	Detection and identification of birefringent crystals	Polarising microscopy SOP MIC1-MP3-14	A
	Isolation and identification of fungi of clinical significance	Manual culture and microscopy using lactophenol cotton blue stain SOP MIC3-MP4-1, MIC3-MP4-2	A
	Detection of cryptococcal antigen	Immunochromatography using IMMY lateral flow assay SOP MIC3-MP4-5	A
	Detection of Histoplasma antigen	Immunochromatography using Miravista lateral flow assay SOP MIC3-MP4-5	A



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Fungal cultures isolated in-house	Antifungal susceptibility testing	Broth microdilution and agar diffusion assay using EUCAST and Bristol PHE guidelines SOP MIC3-MP4-2	A
Faeces	Detection of enteric pathogens: Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter and Escherichia coli shigatoxin 1 (Stx 1) and 2 (Stx 2), Cryptosporidia and Giardia sp.	PCR using SeroSep Enteric Bio assay and Lightcycler SOP MIC5-MP4-6, MIC5-MP4-4	A
Serum	Detection of Cryptococcal capsular polysaccharide antigen	Latex particule agglutination using Immy CrAg LFA SOP MIC3-MP4-5	A
Urine	Detection of Legionella pneumophila serogroup 1 antigen	Immunochromatography using Binax Now Legionella SOP MIC4-MP4-13	A
Urine	Detection of Pneumococcal soluble antigen	Immunochromatography using Binax Now Strep pneumoniae Antigen Card SOP MIC4-MP4-13	A
Serum	Antifungal Therapeutic Drug Monitoring for Triazole levels: Itraconazole Voriconazole Posaconazole	HPLC using Agilent 1260 Infinity II and Chromosystems kit SOP MIC3-MP4-6	A
Skin, nail, hair	Detection of superficial fungi of clinical significance	PCR using Dermagenius RT-PCR using MYRA & MIC PCR systems SOP MIC3-MP1-1	A
Yeast cultures isolated in-house	Fluconazole, Nystatin & Clotrimazole susceptibility testing	Manual method using anti-fungal discs SOP MIC3-MP4-2	A



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Staphylococcal cultures isolated in-house	Detection of PVL toxin gene	PCR using MYRA RT-PCR & Ridagene assay SOP MIC4-MP4-7	A
Serum	Detection of Beta D 1-3-β-D-Glucann	ELISA using DS2 platform, Biotek ELx808 plate reader and Fungitell assay SOP MIC3-MP4-4	A
Serum & BAL	Detection of Galactomannan	ELISA using DS2 platform and Platella Aspergillus assay SOP MIC3-MP4-4	A
EDTA whole blood	Detection of DNA from the following Candida species: C albicans and/or Candida tropicalis Candida parapsilosis Candida Krusei and/or Candida glabrata	T2MR technology (PCR and magnetic resonance) using T2Dx Instrument (T2 Biosystems) SOP MIC3-MP4-8	A
Bacterial cultures	Confirmatory testing for the identification of Neisseria gonorrhoea	Enzymatic testing using TCS Biosciences GonoCheck II	A
Stool Samples	C. difficile toxin detection	EIA using Techlab QuikCheck	A
Swabs	Identification of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci	Culture using Chromogenic Agar	A



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Bacterial cultures	Identification of Bacterial Pathogens	Culture using manual methods and automatic reading by APAS independence analyser (Clever Cultures Systems)	A
BAL, sputum and induced sputum	Detection of Chlamydia pneumoniae, Legionella pneumophila, L.longbechae & Mycoplasma pneumoniae	PCR using Anatolia assay with MYRA & MIC PCR systems SOP PCR2-MP4-5	A
BAL, sputum and induced sputum	Detection of P. jirovecii	PCR using EZ2 extraction, MIC and MYRA systems and OLM PneumID assay SOP MIC3-MP4-3	A
Skin, Nail and Hair	Detection of superficial fungi of clinical significance	PCR using Dermagenius RT-PCR using MYRA & MIC PCR systems SOP MIC3-MP1-1	A
Nasopharyngeal swabs	Detection of Bordetella species	PCR using RealAccurate Bordetella PCR Kit using EZ2, MYRA & MIC PCR Systems SOP PCR2-MP4-5	A
CSF, peritoneal dialysis fluid, ascitic fluid	Cell count red cell and white cell) and differential (Lymphocytes/Mononuclear and polymorphs)	Sysmex XN-450 SOP MIC3-MP4-14	A
Throat swabs including liquid amies	Detection of Meningoencephalitis causing organisms: Escherichia coli K1 Haemophilus influenzae Listeria monocytogenes Neisseria meningitidis (encapsulated) Streptococcus agalactiae Streptococcus pneumoniae Mycoplasma pneumoniae Streptococcus pyogenes Cryptococcus neoformans/gattii_	Qiagen QIAstat-Dx using Meningitis/Encephalitis (ME) panel Qualitative Multiplex PCR alitative Multiplex PCR SOP PCR2-MP4-15	A



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Faeces	<u>General Parasitology</u> Parasitological examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis of intestinal parasites, ova and cysts	General microscopy techniques with the use of Elitech Aerospray automated Stainer with Midi Parasep faecal concentrator SOP MIC5-MP4-7	A
Faeces	Cryptosporidia detection	Modified Ziehl Neelson using Elitech Aerospray automated Stainer SOP MIC5-MP4-7	A
HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES	<u>General Biochemistry</u> <u>Examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u>	In house documented methods incorporating manufacturers' instructions where relevant	
Urine	Glucose Protein Bilirubin Urobilinogen pH Blood Ketones Nitrites Leucocytes	Uriflet S strips and Aution Max analyser SOP MIC4-MP4-9	A
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