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**DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION**

Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/Equipment/Techniques used
Human samples including swabs, fluids, aspirates, pus, line tips, tissues as specified	<u>Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis</u> <u>General Bacteriology</u> Examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis	In-house documented procedures based on PHE SMIs
Specimens from wounds, eyes, ears, nose, throat, mouth, ulcers, pus, tissue, genital sites, joint fluids and heart valves	General isolation and characterisation of micro-organisms of clinical significance	Manual culture using SOPs MB01, MB02, MG004, MG002, MB500 & MG010
Urine	Microscopy Investigation -White Blood Cells -Red Blood Cells -Epithelial Cells -Yeast Cells -Bacterial Cells -Casts	Sysmex UF-5000 via flow cytometry using SOP MB03
CSF	General isolation, characterisation and sensitivity testing of micro-organisms of clinical significance Quantification of white and red blood cells and bacteria General isolation and characterisation of micro-organisms of clinical significance	Manual culture using SOP MB03 Manual microscopy and culture using SOP MG004



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	<u>Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u>  <u>General Bacteriology (cont'd)</u>  Respiratory specimens (sputum, respiratory secretions, aspirates, pleural fluids, ascitic fluids, lymph nodes, tissues and pus)	In-house documented procedures based on PHE SMIs
Bacterial and yeast cultures isolated in-house	General isolation and characterisation of micro-organisms of clinical significance	Manual culture using SOP MG005
Bacterial and yeast cultures isolated in-house	General identification of micro-organisms of clinical significance isolated from clinical samples	General API standardised or biochemical kit-based identification methods  Identification of microorganisms using mass spectrometry on Bruker MALDI-TOF Using SOP MB06
Faeces	General isolation and characterisation of <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Shigella</i> , <i>Campylobacter</i> & <i>E. coli</i> 0157, <i>Vibrio</i> sp. and <i>Aeromonas</i> sp.  Detection of <i>Clostridium difficile</i> GDH antigen and toxins A & B	Manual culture using selective agar and SOP MB17  SOP MI030_03 in conjunction with manufacturer's instructions using <i>C. difficile</i> Quik Chek Complete
Swabs, tissues and fluids including nose, perineum and wound sites	Isolation of MSSA & MRSA	Manual culture on chromogenic agar using SOP MG009
Swabs, fluids, tissue and faeces	Isolation of Carbapenemase producing bacteria	Manual culture on chromogenic agar and ertapenem disc using SOP MG017
Blood	Detection of microbial growth and general isolation and characterisation of micro-organisms of clinical significance	Virtuo Blood Culture Analyser using SOP MG007 Blood Cultures
Bacterial Isolates	Antimicrobial susceptibility testing of clinically significant bacteria and determination of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)	Manual antimicrobial susceptibility procedures (Disc Diffusion) using EUCAST methodology using SOP: SOPMI100_03 Sensitivity Testing



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Urine and CSF	<u>Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u>  <u>General Bacteriology (cont'd)</u>  Detection of Legionella pneumophila antigen and Streptococcus pneumoniae antigen	Using Strep pneumoniae and Legionella pneumophila Urinary Antigen Test SOP and Immuvie – S. pneumoniae Antigen Test
Urine and CSF	Detection of Streptococcus pneumoniae antigen	Using Strep pneumoniae Antigen Test SOP and Immuvie – S.pneumoniae Antigen Test
Faeces	Confirmatory testing of Cryptosporidium and Giardia positive ELISA  <u>Mycology</u>  Examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis	Immunocard STAT using SOP MB19
Nail Clippings, Skin Scrapings, Hair	General isolation and characterisation of fungi of clinical significance  <u>Parasitology</u>	Manual microscopy and culture using SOP MG006
Faeces, clear adhesive tape slides	Examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis  Examination for the presence of parasites (ova, cysts, trophozoites and worms) of clinical significance	In-house documented procedures based on PHE SMIs  SOPs MI045_03 by manual microscopy and/or concentration using ParaSep system
Genital swabs	Examination for presence and detection of <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>	MI031_03 using ProLab Trichomonas stains
Serum	Detection of 1-3-Beta-D-glucan	Automated Lab Kinetics PKF08 Using Fungitell STAT kinetic assay



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Serum (unless stated)	<p><u>Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u></p> <p><u>Viral Serology</u></p> <p>Examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis</p> <p>Detection of Antistreptolysin O antibody</p> <p>Detection of Treponema pallidum antibodies</p> <p>Detection of Treponema pallidum antibodies</p> <p>Detection of Cytomegalovirus IgM</p> <p>Detection of Hepatitis A IgG total</p> <p>Detection of Hepatitis B core IgM, core total antibody, e antibodies, e antigen, surface antigen</p> <p>Detection of Hepatitis C anti HCV antibody</p> <p>Detection of HIV 1 &amp; 2 antibody and p24 antigen</p> <p>Detection of Measles IgG</p> <p>Detection of Mumps IgG</p> <p>Detection of Rubella IgM</p> <p>Detection of Hepatitis E IgG &amp; IgM antibodies</p> <p>Detection of Toxoplasma IgM &amp; IgG</p> <p>Detection of Varicella IgG</p>	<p>In house documented procedures based on and in conjunction with manufacturer's instructions</p> <p>SOP MV008 by latex agglutination using Biokit Rheumajet</p> <p>SOPs MV017 using RPR</p> <p>Using ASI TPHA kit</p> <p>SOP MV023 in conjunction with manufacturer's instructions using Biomerieux Vidas</p>



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Endocervical and vaginal swabs, urines	<u>Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u>  <u>Molecular Biology</u>  Examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis	In house documented procedures based on and in conjunction with manufacturer's instructions
Serum /Plasma	Detection of Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoea DNA  *HIV and HCV viral loads  Qualitative detection of:	SOP MV086 by Polymerase Chain Reaction using Roche Cobas 4800  PCR and Cobas 4800 using Cobas HIV-1 kit SOP MV117 and SOP MV118
Urine, genital & rectal swabs	Mycoplasma genitalium resistance	RT-PCR using Cepheid GeneXpert and SpeeDx Resistance Plus assay
Urine, genital swabs (including self-collected), rectal, throat & eye swabs	Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae DNA	RT-PCR using Cepheid GeneXpert and Xpert CT/GC assay
Tonsillar swabs, nasopharyngeal swabs, lesion exudate, scabs & rash swabs	Mpox DNA	RT-PCR using ELiTé Ingenius and Mpox PCR assay
Genital swabs in viral transport media	Herpes Simplex Virus 1 & 2 DNA	RT-PCR using ELiTé Ingenius and HSV1&2 ELiTé MGB assay
Lesion, eye, blister, ulcer & rash swabs in viral transport media	Herpes Simplex Virus 1 & 2 DNA Varicella Zoster RNA	RT-PCR using ELiTé Ingenius and Meningitis Viral ELiTé MGB Panel 1 & panel 2 assays
Urine, cervical, vaginal, rectal & throat swabs in COBAS PCR media collection tubes	Chlamydia trachomatis DNA Neisseria gonorrhoeae DNA Mycoplasma genitalium DNA Trichomonas vaginalis DNA	RT-PCR using ELiTé Ingenius and STI PLUS ELiTé MGB assay



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Nasopharyngeal swabs in viral transport media	<p><u>Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u></p> <p><u>Molecular Biology (cont'd)</u></p> <p>Influenza A (subtypes H1N1/2009, H1, H3) Influenza B Coronavirus 229E, HKU1, NL63, OC43. Parainfluenza virus 1, 2, 3, 4. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) A/B Human Metapneumovirus A/B Adenovirus Human Bocavirus Rhinovirus/Enterovirus <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> <i>Bordetella pertussis</i></p> <p>CSF</p> <p><i>Escherichia coli</i> K1 <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> (encapsulated) <i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> Herpes simplex virus 1 Herpes simplex virus 2 Human herpes virus 6 Enterovirus Human parechovirus Varicella-zoster virus <i>Cryptococcus neoformans/gattii.</i></p>	RT-PCR using QIAstat-DX PCR analyser and QIAstat-DX Respiratory SARS-CoV-2 Panel assay
		RT-PCR using QIAstat-DX PCR analyser and QIAstat-DX Respiratory ME Panel assay

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