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### Locations covered by the organisation and their relevant activities

#### Laboratory locations:

| Location details   | Activity  | Location code   |
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| <b>Address</b><br>Royal Gwent Hospital<br>Newport<br>NP20 2UB                                    | <b>Local contacts</b><br>Dr N Berry<br>(Head of Department)<br><br>Mr Julian Bendle<br>(Department Manager) | Microbiology<br>Serology<br>Mycology<br><br>RGH   |
| <b>Address</b><br>Nevill Hall Hospital<br>Brecon Road<br>Abergavenny<br>Monmouthshire<br>NP7 7EG | <b>Local contact</b><br>Mrs Catherine Milton<br>(Lead Andrologist)  | Andrology:<br>Fertility Testing (automated)<br>Fertility Testing (manual)<br>Post-Vasectomy<br>Retrograde ejaculate analysis<br><br>NHH |



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| HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES   | <u>Microbiology examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u> | In House documented methods based on related UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations' (SMLs)   |               |
| Blood   | Culture and identification of microorganisms                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automated detection of growth using Biomerieux BacTAlert</li> <li>Manual culture using prepared manufacturers agar plates including chromogenic media</li> <li>Manual gram stain</li> </ul> <p>Key SOPs:<br/>MICR00504 Blood culture SOP<br/>MICR00529 (Transfusion reactions)</p>           | RGH           |
| CSF and Ascitic fluids  | Quantitation of RBC<br>WBC   | <p>Manual method using haemocytometer and light microscopy<br/>Manual Methylene blue differential stain and/or manual Gram stain</p> <p>MICR00507 Investigation of Cerebro-spinal fluid<br/>MICX00546 Investigation of fluids from normally sterile sites SOP<br/>MICX00512 Miscellaneous laboratory tests and staining methods</p> | RGH           |
| MSU, CSU, clean-catheter urine, suprapubic aspirate, bag urine, pad urine, ileal conduit/urostomy urine, cystoscopy urine, ureteric urine | Quantitation of RBC<br>WBC<br>Epithelial cells<br>Bacteria<br>Yeast              | Symex UF-5000 for automated urine microscopy using flow cytometry<br>SOP MICX0051   |               |



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| Faeces, swabs (rectal, vaginal, endocervical, cervical, genital, penile, urethral, wound), ear, nose, sinus, throat, pernasal, mouth, eye, contact lens and case, antral washouts, ascitic fluid, CAPD fluid, CSF, respiratory samples (sputum, bronchial lavage, pleural fluid), pus, tissue, intravascular cannulae and associated devices, urine, semen, intra-uterine contraceptive device, products of conception, placental swab, foreign body, bone marrow, prostate secretions (cont'd) | Isolation and characterisation of micro-organisms of clinical significance. (cont'd)      | SOPs (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MICX021 (Nose)</li> <li>• MICR00507 Investigation of Cerebro-spinal fluid</li> <li>• MICX00546 Investigation of fluids from normally sterile sites</li> </ul>  | RGH           |
| Clinical isolates cultured in-house   | Identification of microorganisms of clinical significance.                                | Using Bruker Maldi-ToF and manual identification methods<br><br>SOPs as above   | RGH           |
| Clinical isolates cultured in-house   | Antibiotic susceptibility testing of micro-organisms of clinical significance.            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antimicrobial susceptibility testing using disc diffusion &amp; EUCAST methodology/criteria.</li> <li>• Gradient MIC determination by E-test &amp; EUCAST criteria (Launch Diagnostic kits)</li> </ul> SOPs as above | RGH           |



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| Swabs (nose, perineum, throat, wound) and urine, sputum, wound sites | Isolation and identification of MRSA  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual culture using prepared manufacturers agar plates with chromogenic media</li> <li>• Antimicrobial susceptibility testing using disc diffusion &amp; EUCAST methodology/criteria.</li> <li>• Gradient MIC determination by E-test &amp; EUCAST criteria</li> <li>• Identification using Bruker Maldi-ToF and manual identification methods</li> </ul> SOP MICX00526 MRSA | RGH           |
| Swabs (rectal, wound) faeces, urine, respiratory specimens           | Screening for Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual culture using prepared manufacturers agar plates with chromogenic media</li> <li>• Antimicrobial susceptibility testing using disc diffusion &amp; EUCAST methodology/criteria.</li> <li>• Gradient MIC determination by E-test &amp; EUCAST criteria</li> <li>• Identification using Bruker Maldi-ToF and manual identification methods</li> </ul> SOP MICR15090 CPE  | RGH           |
| Faeces   | Detection and identification of rotavirus   | Rotavirus strips from Bioconnections<br><br>SOP MICR00508  | RGH           |



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| Faeces   | Detection of <i>C. difficile</i> toxin A & B  | Alere TECHLAB C.DIFF QUIK CHEK COMPLETE® - Manual rapid membrane immunoassay<br><br>SOP MICR15046 Processing of faeces for <i>C. difficile</i> | RGH           |
| Lower Respiratory samples (sputum, pleural fluids, BALs), tissue, bone marrow, sterile fluids, Respiratory samples, urine, CSF, swabs (skin/wound/abscess), tissue | Presence or absence of Acid-alcohol Fast Bacilli  | Manual ZN stain and light microscopy<br><br>SOP MICX00512 Miscellaneous laboratory tests and staining methods                                  | RGH           |



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| HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd) | <u>Parasitology examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u>   | In House documented methods based on related UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs)  | RGH           |
| Faeces, perianal swabs, urine,         | Detection and identification of: ova, cysts and parasites  | Apacor Midi Parasep Concentration method and Light/phase microscopy<br><br>SOP MICR15078 Parasitology   | RGH           |
| Faeces                                 | Detection of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> spp. oocysts   | Manual Auramine stain<br><br>Manual modified ZN stain<br><br>MICR15078 Parasitology<br>MICX00512 Miscellaneous laboratory tests and staining methods  | RGH           |
| Faeces                                 | Molecular examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis<br><br>Gastrointestinal panel:<br>Detection of:<br>Campylobacter spp.<br>VTEC<br>Salmonella spp<br>Shigella spp<br>Cryptosporidium spp<br>Giardia lamblia.<br>C.difficile | Serosep EntericBio for molecular detection of enteric pathogens using RT PCT<br>Roche Light Cycler 480 II or<br>ABI 7500 FAST Cyclor<br>SOP MICR15155 |               |



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| HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd)   | <u>Mycology examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u>  | In House documented methods based on related UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs)   |               |
| Nail, Hair, skin scrapings   | Isolation and identification of dermatophytes, non-dermatophyte moulds and other fungi from skin, nail, tissue and hair specimens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual culture using prepared manufacturers agar plates</li> <li>• Identification using Bruker Maldi-ToF and manual identification methods</li> <li>• Lactophenol cotton blue stain</li> </ul> SOP MICX00527 Mycology SOP | RGH           |
| Endocervical samples, urethral samples   | Examination for presence or absence of pus cells, Gram negative diplococci and yeasts.  | Manual Gram stain<br>Light microscopy<br><br>SOPs:<br>MICR00548 Genitourinary medicine SOP<br>MICX00512 Miscellaneous laboratory tests and staining methods  | RGH           |
| Vaginal samples  | Identification Bacterial vaginosis and <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> .   | Light microscopy<br>Manual Gram stain<br>Examined and graded using Modified Ison-Hays criteria<br><br>SOP MICR00548 Genitourinary medicine SOP   | RGH           |
| <i>Bact/ Alert SA aerobic bottle/ Bact/ Alert SN anaerobic bottle/ Bact/ Alert FA aerobic bottle with antibiotic neutralising supplement/ Bact/ Alert PF paediatric bottle</i> | Culture of microorganisms   | Bact/Alert Virtuo continuous monitoring blood culture system using colourimetry (Blood cultures)<br><br>SOP MICR00504 Investigation of Blood Cultures  | RGH           |



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| HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES  | <u>Serology examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u>  | Documented in-house methods using analysers specified  |               |
| Serum                          | Detection of the following:<br><br>Toxoplasma total antibody<br>VZV antibody<br>Hepatitis B surface antibody<br>Rubella IgG<br>Hepatitis E IgG and IgM | Using Biomerieux kits on Biomerieux Vidas.<br>Enzyme-linked fluorescent assay.<br><br>MICR05003 Biomerieux VIDAS SOP | RGH           |
| Urine                          | Detection of Pneumococcal soluble antigen  | Alere Binax NOW kit<br>Immunochromatographic method<br><br>SOP MICR05007 urinary antigen test                        | RGH           |
| Urine                          | Detection of Legionella pneumophila serogroup 1 antigen  | Alere Binax NOW kit<br>Immunochromatographic method<br><br>SOP MICR05007 urinary antigen test                        | RGH           |
| Genital swabs/ Urine           | Detection of:<br><i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i><br><i>Neisseria gonorrhoea</i>   | Roche Cobas 6800 by PCR<br><br>SOP MICR15149<br><br>PCR using Cepheid GeneXpert                                      | RGH           |
| Swabs from nose, throat, groin | Detection of MRSA DNA  | MICX00526 Investigation of specimens for screening for MRSA<br><br>MICR15107 MRSA PCR Bench Guide                    | RGH           |
| Oropharyngeal swabs in VTM     | Detection of SARS-Cov-2 N2 and E gene  | Cepheid GeneXpert- Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2 assay using, RT-PCR   | RGH           |



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| HUMAN BODY FLUIDS         | <u>Andrological examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis</u>   |   |               |
| Semen                     | <u>Post vasectomy:</u><br>Detection of sperm  | Based on 2016 Laboratory guidelines for post vasectomy semen analysis: Association of Biomedical Andrologists, the British Andrology Society and the British Association of Urological Surgeons)<br>Manual method using large volume chambers/ manual microscopy and documented in-house procedure SOP MICX024  | NHH           |
| Semen                     | <u>Fertility testing:</u><br><br>pH<br>Sperm morphology excluding TZI scoring<br>Sperm concentration<br>Sperm motility<br>Sperm vitality<br><br>Sperm motility<br>Sperm concentration | Based on WHO laboratory manual for the examination and processing of human semen (Sixth edition 2021) and manual method and documented in-house procedure SOP MICN005<br><br>Colorimetric strips<br><br>Stained slides (Diff Quik) microscopy (Bright field)<br><br>Disposable Improved Neubauer counting chambers and Microscopy (Phase contrast)<br><br>Microscopy (Phase contrast)<br><br>Stained slide (Eosin/Nigrosin dye exclusion test) microscopy (Bright field)<br><br>Based on WHO laboratory manual for the examination and processing of human semen (Sixth edition 2021) and documented in-house procedure Semen Analysis in conjunction with manufacturer's instructions for analysis using SAMi CASA | NHH           |



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| HUMAN BODY FLUIDS<br>(cont'd)<br><br>Urine | <u>Andrological examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u><br><br><u>Assessment of retrograde ejaculation</u><br><br>Detection of sperm<br>Sperm concentration<br>Sperm Motility | Based on WHO laboratory manual for the examination and processing of human semen (Sixth edition 2021) and manual method and documented in-house procedure SOP MICN005<br><br>Using manual methods and phase-contrast microscope (incl. centrifugation)<br>SOP MICR15081 | NHH           |
| END  |  |   |               |