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Locations covered by the organisation and their relevant activities

Laboratory locations:

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



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Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used	Location Code
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"> Automated detection of growth using Biomerieux BacTAlert Manual culture using prepared manufacturers agar plates including chromogenic media Manual gram stain <p>Key SOPs: MICR00504 Blood culture SOP MICR00529 (Transfusion reactions)</p>	RGH
CSF and Ascitic fluids	Quantitation of RBC WBC	<p>Manual method using haemocytometer and light microscopy Manual Methylene blue differential stain and/or manual Gram stain</p> <p>MICR00507 Investigation of Cerebro-spinal fluid MICX00546 Investigation of fluids from normally sterile sites SOP 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 WBC Epithelial cells Bacteria Yeast	Sysmex UF-5000 for automated urine microscopy using flow cytometry SOP MICX0051	



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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"> • Manual culture using prepared manufacturers agar plates with chromogenic media • Antimicrobial susceptibility testing using disc diffusion & EUCAST methodology/criteria. • Gradient MIC determination by E-test & EUCAST criteria • Identification using Bruker Maldi-ToF and manual identification methods <p>SOP MICX00526 MRSA</p>	RGH
Swabs (rectal, wound) faeces, urine, respiratory specimens	Screening for Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual culture using prepared manufacturers agar plates with chromogenic media • Antimicrobial susceptibility testing using disc diffusion & EUCAST methodology/criteria. • Gradient MIC determination by E-test & EUCAST criteria • Identification using Bruker Maldi-ToF and manual identification methods <p>SOP MICR15090 CPE</p>	RGH
Faeces	Detection and identification of rotavirus	<p>Rotavirus strips from Bioconnections</p> <p>SOP MICR00508</p>	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 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 SOP MICX00512 Miscellaneous laboratory tests and staining methods	RGH



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Faeces, perianal swabs, urine,	Detection and identification of: ova, cysts and parasites	Apacor Midi Parasep Concentration method and Light/phase microscopy	RGH
Faeces	Detection of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> spp. oocysts	SOP MICR15078 Parasitology Manual Auramine stain Manual modified ZN stain Crypto EIA from Alere Techlab Cryptosporidium II™ using Dynex DS2 SOPs MICR15083 Dynex DS2 MICR15078 Parasitology MICX00512 Miscellaneous laboratory tests and staining methods	RGH
Faeces	Molecular examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis Gastrointestinal panel: Detection of: Campylobacter spp. VTEC Salmonella spp Shigella spp Cryptosporidium spp Giardia lamblia. C.difficile	Serosep EntericBio for molecular detection of enteric pathogens using RT PCT Roche Light Cycler 480 II or ABI 7500 FAST Cycler SOP MICR15155	



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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"> • Manual culture using prepared manufacturers agar plates • Identification using Bruker Maldi-ToF and manual identification methods • Lactophenol cotton blue stain 	RGH
Endocervical samples, urethral samples	Examination for presence or absence of pus cells, Gram negative diplococci and yeasts.	Manual Gram stain Light microscopy SOP : MICR00548 Genitourinary medicine SOP MICX00512 Miscellaneous laboratory tests and staining methods	RGH
Vaginal samples	Identification Bacterial vaginosis and <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> .	Light microscopy Manual Gram stain Examined and graded using Modified Ison-Hays criteria SOP : MICR00548 Genitourinary medicine SOP	RGH
		Wet film preparations Light microscopy SOP MICX00512 Miscellaneous laboratory tests and staining methods	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) SOP MICR00504 Investigation of Blood Cultures	RGH



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Serum	Detection of the following: Toxoplasma total antibody VZV antibody Hepatitis B surface antibody Rubella IgG Hepatitis E IgG and IgM	Using Biomerieux kits on Biomerieux Vidas. Enzyme-linked fluorescent assay. MICR05003 Biomerieux VIDAS SOP	RGH
Urine	Detection of: <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> antigen and <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> serogroup 1 antigen	Meridian TRU kit Immunochromatographic method SOP MICR05007 Legionella and Streptococcus pneumoniae urinary antigen test	RGH
Urine	Detection of Pneumococcal soluble antigen	Alere Binax NOW kit Immunochromatographic method SOP MICR05007 urinary antigen test	RGH
Genital swabs/ Urine	Detection of: <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> <i>Neisseria gonorrhoea</i>	Roche Cobas 6800 by PCR SOP MICR15149	RGH



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Swabs from nose, throat, groin	Detection of MRSA DNA	PCR using Cepheid GeneXpert MICX00526 Investigation of specimens for screening for MRSA MICR15107 MRSA PCR Bench Guide	RGH
	Detection of Influenza A/B and RSV RNA	MIC15140 Flu/RSV testing using the Cepheid GeneXpert 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
HUMAN BODY FLUIDS	<u>Andrological examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis</u>		
Semen	<u>Post vasectomy:</u> 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) Manual method using large volume chambers/ manual microscopy and documented in-house procedure SOP MICX024	NHH
Semen	<u>Fertility testing:</u> pH	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 Colorimetric strips	NHH



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Semen (cont'd)	<u>Fertility testing</u> (cont'd):		
	Sperm morphology excluding TZI scoring	Stained slides (Diff Quik) microscopy (Bright field)	
	Sperm concentration	Disposable Improved Neubauer counting chambers and Microscopy (Phase contrast)	
	Sperm motility	Microscopy (Phase contrast)	
	Sperm vitality	Stained slide (Eosin/Nigrosin dye exclusion test) microscopy (Bright field)	
	Sperm motility Sperm concentration	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	
Urine	<u>Assessment of retrograde ejaculation</u>	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	NHH
	Detection of sperm Sperm concentration Sperm Motility	Using manual methods and phase-contrast microscope (incl. centrifugation) SOP MICR15081	
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