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DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION

Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used
HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES	Microbiology examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis	Documented in-house methods and manufacturer's operating instructions, where relevant, to support clinical diagnosis
Urine	Detection and quantification of red cells, white cells, bacteria, epithelial cells, urinary casts and yeast cells.	Sysmex UF-5000 Flow Cytometry Automated urine microscopy and particle recognition SOP MICRO-Bact-LP-1 Investigation of Urine
Urine	Isolation and characterisation of microrganisms of clinical significance	Using manual inoculation and culture on chromogenic agar SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-1 Investigation of Urine
Urine	Detection of Legionella pneumophila serogroup 1 antigen and Streptococcus pneumoniae antigen	Alere BinaxNow Legionella pneumophila Urinary Ag card by laternal flow immunoassay Alere BinaxNOW Streptococcus pneumoniae Urinary antigen card by laternal flow immunoassay SOP MICRO-VIR-LP-6
Faeces	Isolation and characterisation of clinically significant microrganisms from the Gastrointestinal Tract.	Manual inoculation and media culture Light Microscopy
Faeces	Detection of DNA from Salmonella spp., Shigella spp., Campylobacter spp., Escherichia coli STEC, Cryptosporidium spp and Giardia lamblia	DNA Detection using Serosep EntericBio SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-2

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HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd)	Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)	Documented in-house methods and manufacturer's operating instructions to support clinical diagnosis
Faeces	Detection of <i>Clostridium difficile</i> Glutamate dehydrogenase	Diasorin Liaison XL Analyser using chemiluminescent immunoassay SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-15 Clostridum difficile Detection
Faeces	Detection of <i>Clostridium difficile</i> Toxin gene	Using real-time PCR Serosep EntericBio C.diff assay to detect tcdB gene SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-15 Clostridum difficile Detection
Faeces	Detection of Helicobacter pylori faecal antigen	Diasorin Liaison XL using chemiluminescent immunoassay SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-18 Investigation of Helicobacter Antigen
Faeces	Detection and identification of Helminths, nematodes, flukes, parasitic larvae, protozoa, ova, eggs and cysts of clinical significance.	Using Apacor Parasep faecal concentrator kit and light microscopy. SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-2
Faeces	Quantification of Faecal Calprotectin	Diasorin Liaison XL using chemiluminescent immunoassay SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-1

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HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd)	Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)	Documented in-house methods and manufacturer's operating instructions to support clinical diagnosis
Swabs (ear, nose, throat, eye, wound, genital tract), CSF, tissue, fluids, respiratory samples	Isolation and characterisation of microrganisms of clinical significance.	Manual inoculation and media culture SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-3 Investigation of Female Genital Swabs SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-6 Investigation of Lower Respiratory Tract Specimens SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-8 Investigation of Wound Swabs, Pus and Burns Tissue SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-9 Investigation of Samples from Normally Sterile Sites SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-11 Investigation of Upper Respiratory Tract Specimens SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-19 Examination of Cerebrospinal Fluid Samples
Swabs (Nose, Groin and wound)	Isolation and characterisation of Staphylococcus aureus	Using manual inoculation and culture on chromogenic agar SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-4 Screening for Staphylococcus aureus
Swabs (Nose)	Molecular detection of MRSA	Using Cepheid GeneXpert MRSA Reverse-Transcriptase PCR SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-3
Swabs (Nose)	Detection of Influenza A virus, Influenza B virus & Respiratory Syncytial virus	Using Cepheid GeneXpert Flu/RSV. Real-time PCR SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-4

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Whole Blood & Normally Sterile Fluids (Ascitic, Eye, Pleural, Joint & Peritoneal) Detection of clinically significant microorganisms Detection of clinically significant microorganisms Using BioMerieux BacT/ALERT 3D SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-9 Investigation of Blood Cultures SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-9 Investigation of Normally Sterile Fluids Sputum, tissue, fluids Isolation and characterisation of Mycobacteria spp. Using BioMerieux BacT/ALERT MP Light Microscopy using Auramine-Phenol Stain SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-7 Investigation of Specimens for Mycobacterium species SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-7 Gram and Auramine-Phenol Stains including the Polystainer use and maintenance	Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used
Mycobacteria spp. Light Microscopy using Auramine-Phenol Stain SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-7 Investigation of Specimens for Mycobacterium species SOP MICRO-BACT-PR-5 Gram and Auramine-Phenol Stains including the Polystainer use and	Fluids (Ascitic, Eye, Pleural, Joint &		SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-5 Investigation of Blood Cultures SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-9 Investigation of Normally Sterile
	Sputum, tissue, fluids		Light Microscopy using Auramine-Phenol Stain SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-7 Investigation of Specimens for Mycobacterium species SOP MICRO-BACT-PR-5 Gram and Auramine-Phenol Stains including the Polystainer use and

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HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd)	Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)	Documented in-house methods and manufacturer's operating instructions to support clinical diagnosis
Faeces	Detection of Norovirus GI/GII	Cepheid GeneXpert Norovirus, Real-time reverse transcriptase PCR SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-2
Clinical isolates cultured in-house (inc. bacteria/yeasts/fungi)	Identification of microorganisms of clinical significance.	Using manual biochemical tests, staining and BioMerieux Vitek 2 SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-21 Manual Identification Tests SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-13 Vitek 2 Instrument Use and Maintenance SOP MICRO-BACT-PR-5 Gram and Auramine-Phenol Stains including the Polystainer use and maintenance
Clinical isolates cultured in-house (inc. bacteria/yeasts)	Antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST)	Automated AST with MIC using BioMerieux Vitek 2 (EUCAST) Manual AST (BSAC) using media culture MIC Determination using gradient strips (EUCAST) SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-13 Vitek 2 Instrument Use and Maintenance SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-12 Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

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CSF & Peritoneal Fluid	Quantification and differentiation of white blood cells and red blood cell quantification.	Manual method using Kova counting chamber. SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-19 Examination of Cerebrospinal Fluid Samples SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-9 Investigation of Normally Sterile Fluids
Swabs (female genital)	Detection of bacterial vaginosis	Gram stain interpreted using Hays criteria. SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-3 Investigation of Female Genital Swabs SOP MICRO-BACT-PR-5 Gram and Auramine-Phenol Stains including the Polystainer use and maintenance

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HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd)	Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)	Documented in-house methods and manufacturer's operating instructions to support clinical diagnosis
Skin scraping, Nail clippings, Hair samples	Isolation and identification of fungi of clinical significance Presence or absence of fungal elements	KOH digestion, Calcofuor staining Media culture, macroscopic examination Light microscopy Wet film microscopy SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-10 Investigation of Dermatological Specimens for Superficial Mycosis
Vaginal, cervical and urethral swabs Urine	Chlamydia trachomatis Neisseria gonorrhoeae Nucleic acid detection	Hologic Panther Target amplification nucleic acid probe tests for initial detection and subsequent confirmation SOP MICRO-ALL-PR-24

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		meet the requirements of the IDPS screening programme(s) as defined in the laboratory QA evidence requirement
Serum	Detection of: HBs Ag HBe Ag anti-HBe HBc Ab HBc IgM anti-HBs HIV Antigen/Antibody* Hepatitis C Antibody Rubella IgG Rubella IgM Syphilis Antibody* CMV IgG CMV IgM VZV IgG Toxoplasma gondii IgG Toxoplasma gondii IgM Bordertella pertussis IgA Bordertella pertussis IgM Measles IgG Mumps IgG EBV VCA IgG EBV VCA IgM EBNA IgG Borrelia burgdorferi IgM Borrelia burgdorferi IgG Parvovirus IgG Parvovirus IgG	Diasorin Liaison XL using chemiluminescent immunoassay SOP MICRO-VIR-PR-9
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