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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	<u>Microbiology examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u>	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 microorganisms of clinical significance	Using manual inoculation and culture on chromogenic agar SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-1 Investigation of Urine
Urine	Detection of <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> serogroup 1 antigen and <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> antigen	Alere BinaxNow <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> Urinary Ag card by lateral flow immunoassay Alere BinaxNOW <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> Urinary antigen card by lateral flow immunoassay SOP MICRO-VIR-LP-6
Faeces	Isolation and characterisation of clinically significant microorganisms from the Gastrointestinal Tract.	Manual inoculation and media culture Light Microscopy
Faeces	Detection of DNA from <i>Salmonella</i> spp., <i>Shigella</i> spp., <i>Campylobacter</i> spp., <i>Escherichia coli</i> STEC, <i>Cryptosporidium</i> spp and <i>Giardia lamblia</i>	DNA Detection using Serosep EntericBio SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-2



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Faeces	Detection of <i>Clostridium difficile</i> Glutamate dehydrogenase	Diasorin Liaison XL Analyser using chemiluminescent immunoassay SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-15 Clostridium 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 Clostridium 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)	<u>Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis</u> (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 microorganisms 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 <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Using manual inoculation and culture on chromogenic agar SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-4 Screening for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
Swabs (Nose)	Molecular detection of MRSA	Using Cepheid GeneXpert MRSA Reverse-Transcriptase PCR SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-3
Swabs (Nasopharyngeal and Nasal)	Detection of SARS-CoV-2 Specifically, N2, E RNA dependant RdRp genes gene targets	Using Cepheid GeneXpert CoV-2Flu/RSV. Real-time PCR SOP MICRO-ALL-LP-4
Swabs (Nose)	Detection of Influenza A virus, Influenza B virus & Respiratory Syncytial virus	Using Cepheid GeneXpert CoV-2Flu/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	Using BioMerieux Bact/ALERT 3D SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-5 Investigation of Blood Cultures SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-9 Investigation of Normally Sterile Fluids
Sputum, tissue, fluids	Isolation and characterisation of <i>Mycobacteria</i> spp.	Using BioMerieux Bact/ALERT MP Light Microscopy using Auramine-Phenol Stain SOP MICRO-BACT-LP-7 Investigation of Specimens for <i>Mycobacterium</i> species SOP MICRO-BACT-PR-5 Gram and Auramine-Phenol Stains including the Polystainer use and maintenance
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



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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
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 Bordetella pertussis IgA Bordetella pertussis IgM Measles IgG Mumps IgG EBV VCA IgG EBV VCA IgM EBNA IgG Borrelia burgdorferi IgM Borrelia burgdorferi IgG Parvovirus IgG Parvovirus IgM Hepatitis E IgM Hepatitis E IgG	Diasorin Liaison XL using chemiluminescent immunoassay SOP MICRO-VIR-PR-9
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