



UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations Quarterly Report for partner organisations (Winter Update) January 2017

This report provides information for the partner organisations involved in the development of UK SMIs and includes updates for the last three months (October 2016 – December 2016).

1. Website

The top five documents receiving the most on-going web page hits since the last quarterly report are:

[B 41: Investigation of urine](#)

[B 58: Detection of carriage of group B streptococci](#)

[B 57: Investigation of bronchoalveolar lavage, sputum and associated specimens](#)

[B 28: Investigation of genital tract and associated specimens](#)

[B 30: Investigation of faecal specimens for enteric pathogens](#)

2. Priorities and Programme of Work

Work on the full review of *B 30: Investigation of faecal specimens for enteric pathogens* and *B28: Investigation of genital tract infections* continues and both the Virology and Bacteriology Working Groups will be contributing to the review.

The review of the UK SMIs *Q1: Evaluations, validations and verifications of diagnostic tests*, *ID1: Introduction to the preliminary identification of medically important bacteria and fungi from culture*, and *B31: Investigation of specimens other than blood for parasites* document is nearing completion and it is currently with the editor.

3. UK SMI Working Group Meetings and Steering Committee

Please contact the Standards Unit to request information regarding Working Group or Steering Committee meetings.

Past Meetings:

National User Manual Template Working Group (17 November 2016)

Virology Working Group (18 January 2017)

Future meetings:

Bacteriology Working Group (8 February 2017)

Steering Committee (8 March 2017)

National User Manual Template (12 April 2017)

4. Consultation

All [open consultations](#) can be found on the Gov.uk website.

5. Recently Issued Documents

The following documents have been issued since the last quarterly report:

[B 40: Investigation of specimens for *Mycobacterium* species](#)

[Q 5: Inoculation of culture media for bacteriology](#)

[V 37 - Chlamydia trachomatis Infection - Testing by Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests \(NAATs\)](#)

[V11: HIV screening and confirmation.](#)

6. User Manual Modules

The user manual modules for Conjunctivitis and Urine, have been written and it has gone for a first round of wide consultation. The modules were well received and there were many valuable comments received. They will be updated and will be sent out again for a further consultation in due course.

7. Standards Microbiologist Post

We have successfully recruited a new Standards Microbiologist for the Standards Unit. Mario Aramouni will be starting with the unit in April 2017.

8. Authors

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