

PURPOSE: To ensure CMPT surveys are accessioned in a standardized way so that results do not affect epidemiology statistics and so that patient specific system rules are applied correctly.

SAMPLE INFORMATION:

- All CMPT survey samples that are received in the Stanton Microbiology laboratory.
- Testing material consists of lyophilized cultures, slides and "simulated" patient specimens.
- Refer to the directions accompanying each survey for specimen handling.

SPECIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

EQA specimens may contain fully virulent organisms of Risk Group 2 or lower. Specimens must be handled with the same degree of care as equivalent clinical specimens and by the same appropriately qualified and supervised staff.

Containment Level 2 facilities, equipment, and operational practices for work involving infectious or potentially infectious materials or cultures.

- Lab gown must be worn when performing activities with potential pathogens.
- Gloves must be worn when direct skin contact with infected materials is unavoidable.
- Eye protection must be used where there is a known or potential risk of exposure to splashes.
- All procedures that may produce aerosols, or involve high concentrations or large volumes should be conducted in a biological safety cabinet (BSC).
- The use of needles, syringes, and other sharp objects should be strictly limited.

All patient specimens are assumed to be potentially infectious. Universal precautions must be followed. Since viable micro-organisms are used, all cultures must be handled with appropriate precautions. All equipment in contact with cultures should be decontaminated by appropriate methods.

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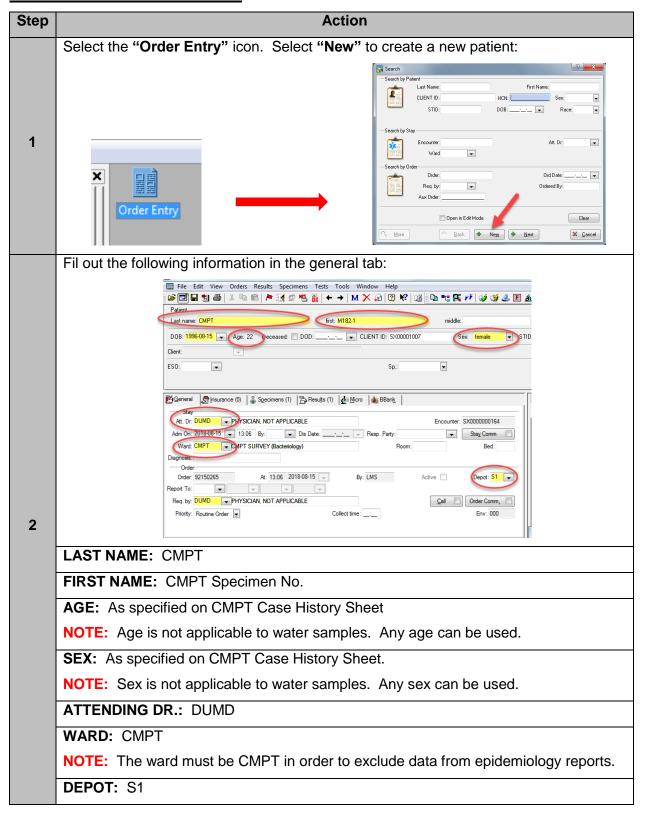
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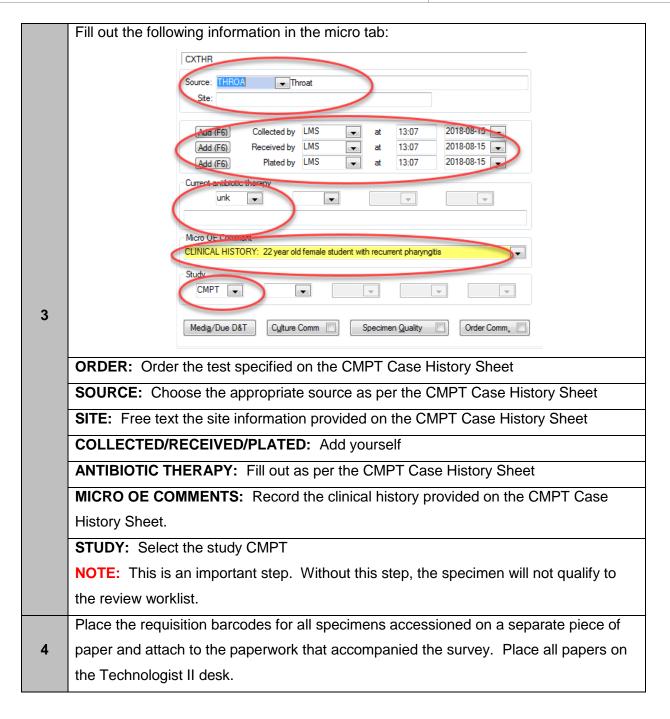
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