

<b>PROGRAM Standard Operating Procedure – Laboratory Services</b>	
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**GUIDING PRINCIPLE:**

QASI, the Public Health Agency of Canada's international program for **Q**uality **A**ssessment and **S**tandardization of **I**ndicators ensures that accurate and reliable rapid testing for SARS-CoV-2 and MTB is ongoing in Northern, Remote and Isolated (NRI) sites across Canada. QASI provides external quality assessment through the administration of proficiency testing panels, and comprehensive corrective action, training and support to those testing sites requiring assistance in achieving or maintaining quality testing standards.

The Stanton Territorial Hospital Microbiology Laboratory participates in the following QASI external assessment challenges:

1. QASI-COVID 19
2. QASI-MTB

**PURPOSE/RATIONALE:**

To ensure QASI 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.

**SCOPE/APPLICABILITY:**

This procedure applies to Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs) and Medical Laboratory Assistants (MLAs) processing competency survey specimens.

**SAMPLE INFORMATION:**

- Testing material consists of liquid samples
- Refer to the directions accompanying each survey for specimen handling

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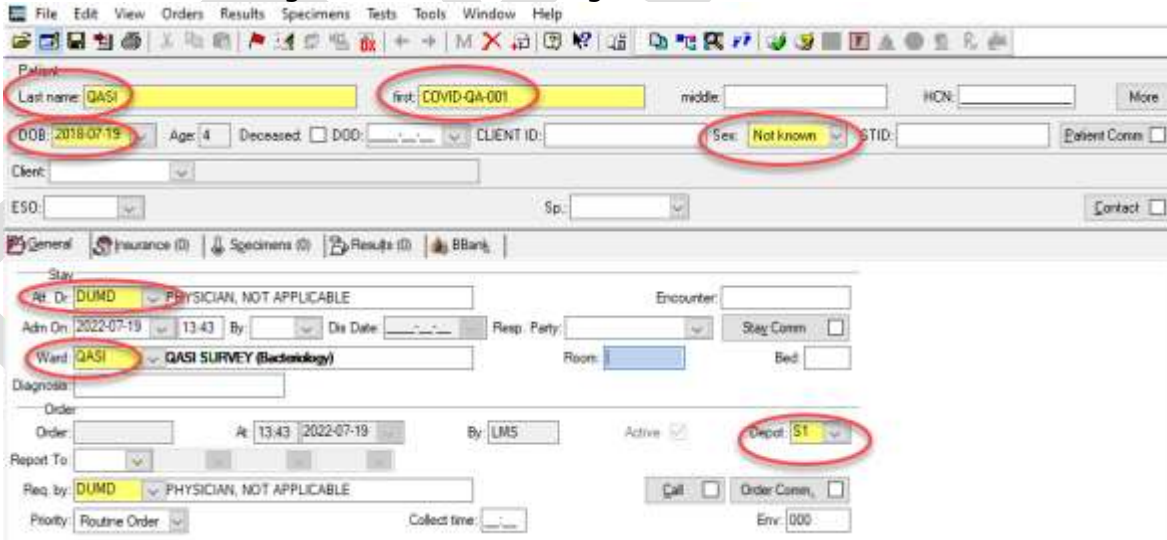
**SPECIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

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

- Ensure that appropriate hand hygiene practices be used.
- 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 when there is a known or potential risk of exposure of 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. Routine Practices 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.

**PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS:**

Step	Action
<b>Ordering QASI samples in SoftMic</b>	
<b>1</b>	In Order Entry, select <b>"New"</b> to create a new patient
<b>2</b>	Fill out the following information in the general tab: 
<b>LAST NAME:</b> QASI	
<b>FIRST NAME:</b> QASI Specimen No.	
<b>AGE:</b> Will not be indicated on the kit instructions. Use any age	
<b>SEX:</b> Will not be indicated on the kit instructions. Use not known	
<b>ATTENDING DR.:</b> DUMD	
<b>WARD:</b> QASI	
<b>DEPOT:</b> S1	

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Fill out the following information in the micro tab:

**ORDER:** Order the test specified on the QASI Kit Instructions  
**SOURCE:** Will not be indicated on the kit instructions, use nasopharyngeal swab  
**COLLECTED/RECEIVED/PLATED:** Add yourself  
**ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY:** Choose unk  
**MICRO OE COMMENTS:** Record the clinical history as no clinical history provided  
**STUDY:** Select the study QASI  
**NOTE:** Without this step, the specimen will not qualify to the review worklist

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Place the requisition barcodes for all specimens accessioned on a separate piece of paper and attach to the paperwork that accompanied the survey. Place all papers on the Dark Room bench.

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**APPROVAL:**

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