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PROGRAM Standard Operating Procedure – Laboratory Services				
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Accessioning CAP Surveys				
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GUIDING PRINCIPLE:

CAP surveys provide external assessment challenges (EQA) for clinical microbiology laboratories. The program covers a wide variety of samples normally received by laboratories for respiratory viral testing, SARS-CoV-2 testing, MTB molecular testing and vaginitis screening.

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

- 1. NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION RESPIRATORY LIMITED-ID3
- 2. COV2Q-B 2022-SARS-CoV-2, Molecular Quality Cross Check SARS-CoV-2
- 3. MOLECULAR MTB DETECTION & RESISTANCE, 5 CHALLENGE-MTR5
- 4. VAGINITIS SCREEN, VIRTUAL GRAM STAIN-VS2

PURPOSE/RATIONALE:

To ensure CAP 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 ad virtual gram stains.
- Refer to the directions accompanying each survey for specimen handling.

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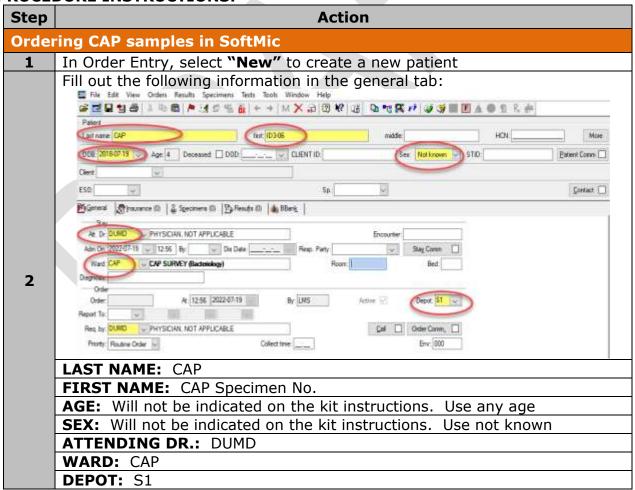
SPECIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

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:

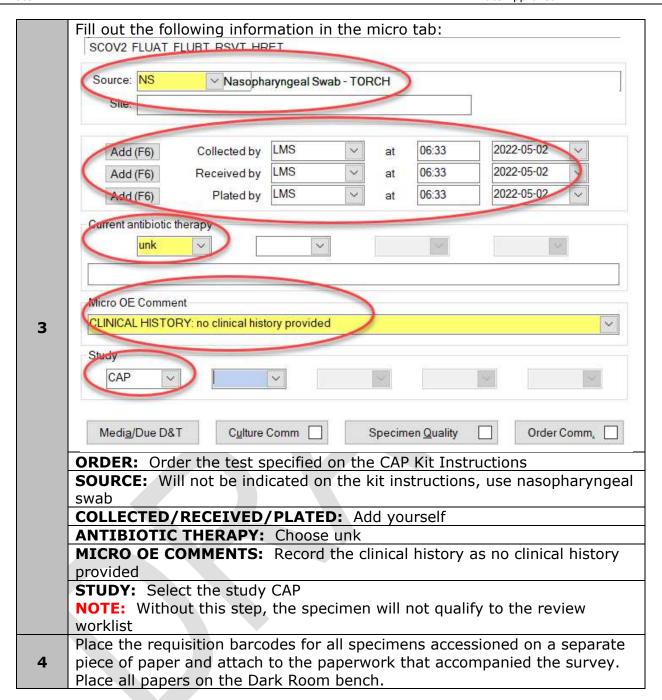


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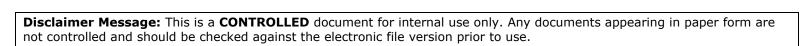
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