

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

Accurate records of media and reagents including date of receipt and lot numbers need to be recorded to ensure quality control records are documented and to ensure steps are taken when supplies are missing or do not arrive as expected from orders placed.

**PURPOSE/RATIONALE:**

This standard operating procedure describes the process to receive orders of media, reagents and supplies in the microbiology laboratory.

**SCOPE/APPLICABILITY:**

This procedure applies to Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs) working in the microbiology laboratory who receive orders of media, reagents and supplies.

**REAGENTS and/or MEDIA:**

- All microbiology culture media, reagents and supplies

**SUPPLIES:**

- New Lot Number Stickers

**EQUIPMENT:**

- Refrigerators

**QUALITY CONTROL:**

- Refer to MIC60040-Culture Media Quality Control
- Refer to Test Manual for reagent quality control procedures

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**PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS:**

Step	Action
<b>Receiving media orders</b>	
<b>1</b>	Open boxes and locate the packing slip. <b>NOTE:</b> If packing slip is not received, let the Technical Supervisor, Microbiology know and use the SAM requisition to document items received
<b>2</b>	Locate the SAM requisition for the order. Requisitions for items not received are stored in the "Placed Orders" folder on the back bench in the microbiology laboratory.
<b>3</b>	Unpack boxes. Carefully inspect each box of media received for acceptance and if the number that was ordered was received, check off the item on the packing slip. <b>NOTE:</b> In the winter, when temperatures start to turn cold, ensure all boxes of media received are checked to ensure they are not frozen
<b>4</b>	Using the date label gun, document the date the media was received on every box of media or every sleeve of media received.
<b>5</b>	Remove any media requiring quality control. Refer to MIC60040-Culture Media Quality Control.
<b>6</b>	The lot numbers of media are all entered as active in TQC and do not need a yellow NEW LOT NUMBER sticker.
<b>7</b>	Place a " <b>USE FIRST</b> " sticker on any boxes/packs of the same media already in use.
<b>8</b>	Items must be placed in the fridge on the correct shelf. Ensure media is placed in chronological order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media with the closest expiry date is stored on the top level if there are 2 levels of the media</li> <li>• Media with the closest expiry date is stored on the left if there are more than 2 rows of the media</li> </ul> <b>NOTE:</b> Any extra media ordered that does not fit in the microbiology media fridge needs to be stored in the laboratory walk-in fridge
<b>9</b>	Using the packing slip, check off the items received on the SAM requisition.
<b>10</b>	Date and initial the packing slip. Photocopy and place one copy in the "Stores" folder in the specimen control area to be delivered to stores. The second copy needs to be used to enter the media into TQC. Refer to MIC61010-Entering New Media and Reagents into TQC for entering the information.
<b>11</b>	When all information is entered into TQC, staple the packing slip to the SAM requisition and file in the "Orders Received" folder on the back bench
<b>12</b>	Breakdown order boxes and place in the garbage pickup area in the core laboratory. If pickup area is full, phone Dexterra housekeeping for pickup.

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Step	Action
<b>Receiving reagent orders</b>	
<b>1</b>	Open boxes and locate the packing slip. <b>NOTE:</b> If packing slip is not received, let the Technical Supervisor, Microbiology know and use the SAM requisition to document items received
<b>2</b>	Locate the SAM requisition for the order. Requisitions for items not received are stored in the "Placed Orders" folder on the back bench in the microbiology laboratory.
<b>3</b>	Unpack boxes. Carefully inspect each box of reagent received for acceptance and if the number that was ordered was received, check off the item on the packing slip.
<b>4</b>	Using the date label gun, document the date the reagent was received on every box.
<b>5</b>	Remove any reagent requiring quality control. Refer to the Test Manual for reagent quality control.
<b>6</b>	A <b>NEW LOT NUMBER</b> sticker needs to be placed on the item. Place the sticker on the first package of the product (not on all packages with this lot number).
<b>7</b>	Place a " <b>USE FIRST</b> " sticker on any boxes/packs of the same reagent already in use.
<b>8</b>	Items must be placed in the correct location. Ensure reagent is placed in chronological order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reagent with the closest expiry date is stored on the top level if there are 2 levels of the reagent</li> <li>• Reagent with the closest expiry date is stored on the left if there are more than 2 rows of the reagent</li> <li>• Ensure the first product with this order contains the <b>NEW LOT NUMBER</b> sticker</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	Using the packing slip, check off the items received on the SAM requisition.
<b>10</b>	Date and initial the packing slip. Photocopy and place one copy in the "Stores" folder in the specimen control area to be delivered to stores. The second copy needs to be used to enter the reagents into TQC. Refer to MIC61010-Entering New Media and Reagents into TQC for entering the information.
<b>11</b>	When all information is entered into TQC, staple the packing slip to the SAM requisition and file in the "Orders Received" folder on the back bench
<b>12</b>	Breakdown order boxes and place in the garbage pickup area in the core laboratory. If pickup area is full, phone Dexterra housekeeping for pickup.

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Step	Action
<b>Receiving supply orders</b>	
<b>1</b>	Open boxes and locate the packing slip. <b>NOTE:</b> If packing slip is not received, let the Technical Supervisor, Microbiology know and use the SAM requisition to document items received
<b>2</b>	Locate the SAM requisition for the order. Requisitions for items not received are stored in the "Placed Orders" folder on the back bench in the microbiology laboratory.
<b>3</b>	Unpack boxes. Carefully inspect each box of supplies received for acceptance and if the number that was ordered was received, check off the item on the packing slip.
<b>4</b>	Using the date label gun, document the date the supply was received on every box of the supply.
<b>5</b>	The lot numbers of supplies are not recorded in TQC.
<b>6</b>	Place a " <b>USE FIRST</b> " sticker on any boxes/packs of the same supply already in use.
<b>7</b>	Items must be placed in the correct location. Ensure supply is placed in chronological order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply with the closest expiry date is stored on the top level if there are 2 levels of the supply</li> <li>• Supply with the closest expiry date is stored on the left if there are more than 2 rows of the supply</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	Using the packing slip, check off the items received on the SAM requisition.
<b>9</b>	Date and initial the packing slip. Photocopy and place one copy in the "Stores" folder in the specimen control area to be delivered to stores and staple the other copy to the SAM requisition.
<b>10</b>	If everything on the SAM requisition is received, place the requisition with the copy of the packing slip in the "Orders Received" folder on the back bench.
<b>11</b>	Breakdown order boxes and place in the garbage pickup area in the core laboratory. If pickup area is full, phone Dexterra housekeeping for pickup.

**LIMITATIONS:**

1. When a product is missing from the order, check the packing slip. If it contains the notation "Outstanding from your order" on it, circle this in red. If there are NO notations on the packing slip and items are missing notify the Technical Supervisor, Microbiology with this information so they can follow up
2. An adequate amount of media, reagents and supplies in the microbiology laboratory is maintained by recording low inventory items on the Low Inventory Tally sheet
3. It is the **responsibility of the staff member** who takes a stock item and recognizes that levels are low to document this on the Tally sheet
4. The system is only as good as the compliance of staff. The system assumes that Technologists will make note of low numbers of inventory and that they will make the Technical Supervisor aware when items are missing from an order.

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**CROSS-REFERENCES:**

- MIC60040-Culture Media Quality Control

**APPROVAL:**

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**REVISION HISTORY:**

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