PROGRAM Standard Operating Procedure – Laboratory Services				
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GUIDING PRINCIPLE:

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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:

This standard operating procedure describes how to accession CAP surveys 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 standard operating procedure applies to Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs) processing competency survey specimens.

SAMPLE INFORMATION:

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

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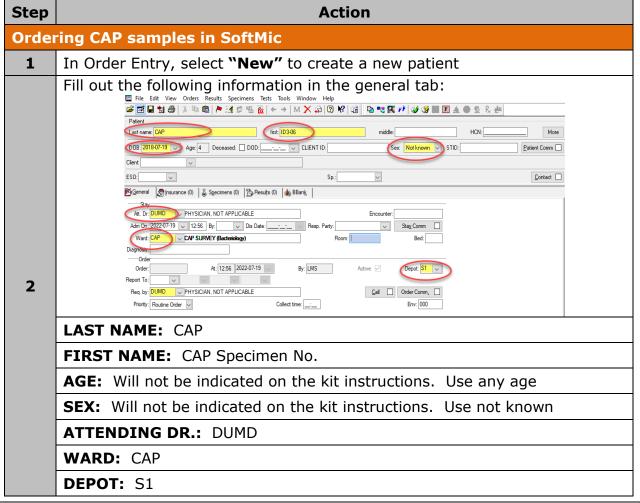
SPECIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Containment Level 2 facilities, equipment, and operational practices for work involving infectious or potentially 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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3	Fill out the following information in the micro tab: SCOV2 FLUAT FLUBT BSVT HBET Source: NS Nasopharyngeal Swab - TORCH Site: Add (F6) Collected by LMS at 06:33 2022-05-02 Add (F6) Plated by LMS at 06:33 2022-05-02 Add (F6) Plated by LMS at 06:33 2022-05-02 UMS at 06:33 2022-05-02 Corrent antibiotic therapy unk unk at 06:33 2022-05-02 Corrent antibiotic therapy Study CAP				
	Media/Due D&T Culture Comm Specimen Quality Order Comm.				
	ORDER: Order the test specified on the CAP 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 CAP NOTE: Without this step, the specimen will not qualify to the review worklist				
4	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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Director, Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging Services

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