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| PROGRAM Standard Operating Procedure – Laboratory Services | | | |
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GUIDING PRINCIPLE:

CMPT surveys provide external assessment challenges (EQA) for clinical microbiology laboratories. The program covers a wide variety of samples normally received by laboratories for staining, bacteriology culture and identification.

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

- 1. Clinical Bacteriology program
- 2. *C. difficile* program
- 3. AFB (Acid-Fast bacilli) stain program
- 4. Screens/Molecular program
- 5. *Trichomonas vaginalis* detection program

PURPOSE/RATIONALE:

This standard operating procedure describes how to accession CMPT 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 lyophilized cultures, slides and "simulated" patient specimens.
- Refer to the directions accompanying each survey for specimen handling.

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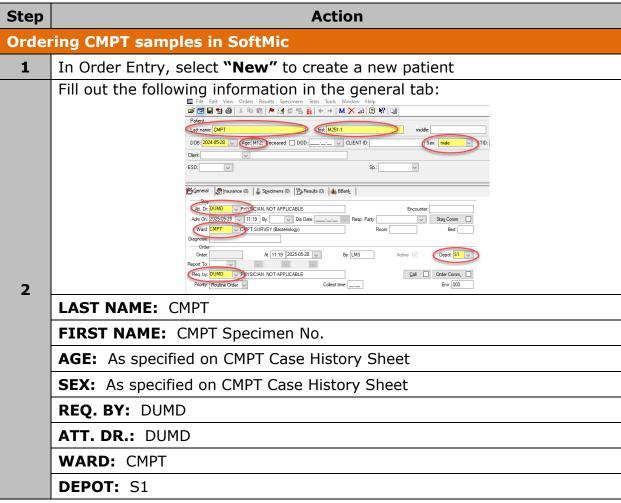
SPECIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

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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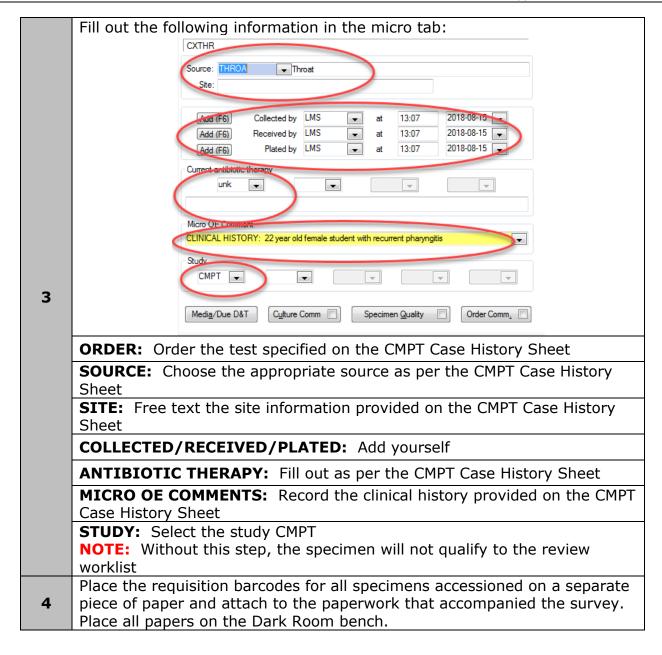
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| 2.0 | 30 Jan 22 | Procedure reviewed and added to NTHSSA policy template | L. Steven |
| 3.0 | 14 Feb 24 | Procedure reviewed | L. Steven |
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