

2 NEW VIROLOGY SCHEMES (from April 2018)

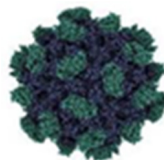
Molecular detection of HEV RNA and Hepatitis E serology

Hepatitis E virus (HEV) is seen as an emerging viral infection. With the number of cases rising worldwide, diagnostic investigations of infection have become increasingly important. Many laboratories have added diagnostic HEV investigations to their testing repertoires.

UK NEQAS for Microbiology will be offering 2 new proficiency testing schemes for hepatitis E markers from **April 2018** to include:

Hepatitis E serology HEV (IgM and IgG)

- 3 distributions per year containing 4 specimens
- Each distribution will contain specimens to be tested for HEV IgM and IgG
- Specimens supplied as liquid human serum (0.5 ml)
- Country-specific performance will be available where there are greater than 10 participants in a country
- Three week period for examination and reporting results



Molecular detection of HEV RNA

- 3 distributions per year containing 2 specimens
- Each distribution will contain specimens to be tested for HEV RNA and scored for qualitative interpretation (quantitative and genotype results can be given in addition but currently will not be scored)
- Specimens supplied as liquid human serum (1.2 ml)
- Country-specific performance will be available where there are greater than 10 participants in a country
- Three week period for examination and reporting results

The intended results for both schemes will appear on our web site (www.ukneqasmicro.org.uk) the day after the closing date and reports aim to be issued within 10 days.

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