



Viral gastroenteritis EQA

This scheme is designed for clinical diagnostic laboratories testing for viral gastroenteritis

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EQA for laboratories testing for the presence of Norovirus, Rotavirus and Adenovirus 40 / 41 from stools. Participants are required to determine the presence or absence of:

- Norovirus
- Rotavirus and
- Adenovirus 40 and 41

Participants can use a series of methods including detection of

- nucleic acid testing by Nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT)
- detection of antigen of each virus present by ELISA or point of care (POCT) device.

- ✓ Two distributions each containing four specimens per UK financial year
- ✓ Specimens supplied in lyophilised (freeze dried) format (stool specimen)
- ✓ Country-specific performance analysis available for countries with greater than 10 participants
- ✓ Three week period for examination and reporting results
- ✓ Helps identify performance issues in a prompt manner
- ✓ Scheme supported by qualified and experienced professionals
- ✓ Educational
- ✓ Repeat specimens available (free of charge) for EQA failure investigation
- ✓ Intended results will appear on our website www.uknegasmicro.org.uk the day after the closing date and reports will be issued within 20 working days
- ✓ Accredited in accordance with **ISO/IEC 17043:2010**

For further information, please contact the Virology Scheme Manager by email: organiser@uknegasmicro.org.uk

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