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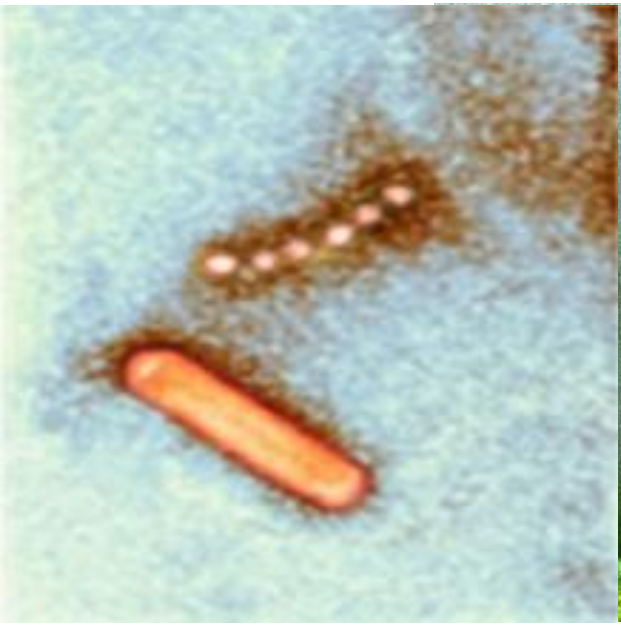

Respiratory viruses Point of Care EQA

This scheme is designed for organisations using point of care testing devices for the detection of Influenza A/B, RSV and SARS-CoV-2

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EQA for organisations testing for Influenza A/B, RSV and SARS-CoV-2 antigen and/or nucleic acid by point of care methods (e.g., lateral flow devices, molecular methods).

- ✓ Three distributions each containing four specimens per UK financial year
- ✓ Separate scoring for Influenza A/B, RSV and SARS-CoV-2 – participants will not be penalized for not testing for all three pathogens
- ✓ Participants have the opportunity to report on Influenza A subtypes and RSV types
- ✓ Participants can report results from two assays for nucleic acid detection and from one assay for antigen detection per distribution
- ✓ Specimens supplied in viral transport medium and contain human cellular material for internal control
- ✓ Country-specific performance analysis available for countries with greater than 10 participants
- ✓ Two-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.ukneqasmicro.org.uk/ the day after the closing date and reports will be issued within 20 working days

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