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Labquality – EQAS

Service information

Labquality – EQAS

Labquality is an independent external quality assessment provider from Finland owned by various non-profit organizations. Labquality has over 45 years' of experience in helping clinical laboratories and POCT sites to develop and maintain their performance. Labquality's EQA schemes are internationally recognized high quality programs. EQA programs have clinical scope with educational touch. Part of the EQA production is outsourced to expert laboratories and national partners.

Integrated EQA service

Labquality is the first EQA provider, who has integrated pre-analytical, analytical and post-analytical phases to its EQA programs. Advanced and traditional EQA schemes have been designed to fully support laboratory's total quality management system and fulfill ISO 15189 requirements concerning the extra-analytical phases. Integrated EQA schemes include samples and pre- and post-analytical questionnaires concerning the scope of the scheme.

Quality management

Labquality's management system is certified according to ISO 9001 (DQS) and main EQA schemes (299) are accredited according to ISO 17043 (PT02/FINAS). Certificates and scope of accreditation are available on our website www.labquality.fi.

EQA service availability

Labquality has customers in over 50 countries in Europe, Asia, America and North Africa. Service is localized by 25 national partners. All digital schemes including pre-analytical schemes and diagnostic schemes for anatomic pathology are available globally. All schemes (with few exceptions) are available via national partners in Europe, Middle East and Central Asia. For direct customers the program selection is limited to the schemes with stable and non-hazardous sample materials.

Enrolment and prices

Labquality has annual programs and pricing. Participants shall place their orders for next year before the end of November to ensure the participation to all needed EQA rounds. Enrolment is possible during the calendar year, but only part of the EQA rounds may be available. To place an order, please contact to our national partner in your country or Labquality's customer service at info@labquality.fi.

Deliveries

Labquality's specimen logistics system is accepted and continuously audited as a part of accreditation according to ISO 17043 (PT02/FINAS) standard. Specimens are shipped according to annual schedule. Labquality retains the right to make changes to the schedule.

LabScala EQA portal

Partners and participants are able to operate the whole EQA process from orders to reports via modern web based software, LabScala. EQA process is designed to go along with laboratory process from pre-analytics to post-analytics. Easy availability and user-friendly interface guarantee advanced experience.

Certificate

Certificate of participation will be issued to all participants in the end of calendar year. Certificate refers to EQA reports to evaluate the performance of the participant.

Customer service

Please contact to Labquality's national partner (listed on Labquality's web site: www.labquality.fi) or customer service (English) at info@labquality.fi.

How to use the catalogue

Scheme code and name		Rounds (delivery months)											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
POCT	1234 Scheme name	■				■				■			■
	Specimens: Examinations:	Notes:											
Additional info													

EQA³ = Integrated EQA service
 NEW = New product
 POCT = Suitable for Point-of-Care testing sites
 VIRTUAL = Virtual microscopy



Updates for 2017

EQA program 2017 includes several interesting new schemes and listings which facilitates the usage of the catalogue. Some schemes have also been discontinued due to lack of demand. Please find below the list of updates.

Integrated EQA schemes (pre- and/or post-analytics included)

New integrated EQA schemes combine pre-analytical, analytical and post-analytical EQA to one scheme fulfilling ISO 15189 requirements.

- 4420 ABO and Rh grouping (page 15)
- 2610 Acid-base status and electrolytes (page 10)
- 4460 Antibody screening and compatibility testing (page 15)
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- 4388 D-dimer (page 17)
- 5080 General Bacteriology 1 (aerobes and anaerobes) (page 23)
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- 2300 Hormones A: Basic analytes of hormone and immunochemistry (page 8)

New schemes and products

- 2675 Allergen component [UKNEQAS] (page 6)
- 5938 Autoimmune diagnostics, IFA interpretation (page 19)
- 4480 Blood grouping, gel cards, virtual scheme (page 15)
- 5635 Dengue virus, antibodies (page 26)
- 5472 *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*, nucleic acid detection (page 25)
- 5682 Hepatitis E, antibodies (page 27)
- 5670 Influenza virus A+B and RS virus, nucleic acid detection (page 28)
- 4339 INR, CoagSense, POCT (page 17)
- 4337 INR, EuroLyzer, POCT (page 17)
- 4338 INR, MicroINR, POCT (page 18)
- 5675 Norovirus, nucleic acid detection (page 28)
- 4336 POCT INR evaluation scheme (page 18)
- 5593 *Streptococcus* group A, nucleic acid detection (page 24)
- 5474 *Trichomonas vaginalis*, antigen detection (page 26)
- 5473 *Trichomonas vaginalis*, nucleic acid detection (page 26)
- 8610 Veterinary basic blood count (page 32)
- 8530 Veterinary basic chemistry (page 32)

Discontinued schemes

- 4392 Anticoagulants: Dabigatran
- 7803 Preanalytics, blood gas analyzers

Optional schemes

- 2221 Down's syndrome screening, quality assurance (page 8)*
*) Will be organised, if there are at least 10 participants.
- 6542 Histopathology, virtual microscopy (page 30)*
*) Will be organised, if there are at least 20 participants.

Change in product codes

Preanalytics, Phlebotomy and POCT has been divided to two products.

- 7801 Preanalytics, phlebotomy (page 31)
- 7804 Preanalytics, POCT (page 31)

Changes in delivery schedule

- 2020 C-reactive protein (CRP) for analyzers (FEB, APR, JUN, AUG, OCT, DEC)
- 2370 Folate, erythrocytes (APR, OCT)
- 6701 Gynaecological cytology (liquid based), virtual microscopy (MAY)
- 6542 Histopathology, virtual microscopy (FEB, MAY, SEP)
- 6543 Histological staining techniques (APR, AUG)
- 6600, 6600S Immunohistochemical staining methods (APR, SEP, NOV)
- 6702 Non-gynaecological cytology, virtual microscopy (OCT)
- 5470 Parasites in blood, Giemsa stain, virtual microscopy (OCT)
- 5471 Parasites in blood, MGG stain, virtual microscopy (OCT)

Changes in scope, specimens or parameters

- 2020 C-reactive protein (CRP) for analyzers – Renewed: 2 samples, 6 times a year, only for chemistry analyzers
- 2132 C-reactive protein (CRP), POCT – New scope: Only for point-of-care testing, quantitative methods
- 1002 Haemoglobin for analyzers – New scope: Only for basic blood count analyzers
- 2114 Haemoglobin, 1-level POC – New scope: Only for POC HGB meters
- 5092 Hepatitis A, antibodies – New specimen volume: > 0.6 mL
- 5671 Influenza virus A+B, antigen detection – Deleted parameter: InfANAT, InfBNAT
- 4180 Leucocyte differential count and evaluation of blood cell morphology – New specimen: digital images, virtual microscopy
- 5937 Phospholipid antibodies – New parameter: B2GPAbM
- 2280 Procalcitonin – New scope: Only for quantitative methods
- 5672 RS virus, antigen detection – Deleted parameter: RSVNAT

Clinical chemistry

The clinical chemistry portfolio covers areas of allergology, basic chemistry, cardiac markers, diabetes analysis, endocrinology, special chemistry, specific proteins, tumour markers and urine analysis. For routine chemistry needs, schemes with both one and two level samples enabling assessment of more than 50 analytes are available. A wide selection of schemes specifically tailored for POCT devices are also available including those for drug abuse screening, glucose meters and troponin detection.

Clinical chemistry » Allergology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NEW 2675 Allergen component [UKNEQAS]			■		■	■		■		■		■
Specimens: 2 human serum samples for allergen component tests Examinations: Allergen component test which covers recombinant allergens as well as the ISAC system	Notes: Participation is not possible for less than 6 rounds in a year. Should be ordered by November 11th, 2016 .											
2670 Allergy in vitro diagnostics [UKNEQAS]			■		■	■		■		■		■
Specimens: 2 human serum samples for specific IgE with 4 allergens in each specimen, 0.5 mL each and 1 serum specimen for total IgE, 0.5 mL Examinations: Total IgE and specific IgEs	Notes: Participation is not possible for less than 6 rounds in a year. Should be ordered by November 11th, 2016 .											
2681 Allergy in vitro diagnostics [SKML]		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 3 human serum samples for specific IgE with 3 allergens, 2 mixes and total IgE in each, 0.5 mL each Examinations: Total IgE, specific IgEs and allergen mixes	Notes: Participation is not possible for less than 4 rounds in a year. Should be ordered by November 11th, 2016 . All samples are distributed in February.											
2680 Eosinophil cationic protein			■		■	■		■		■		■
Specimens: 1 lyophilized serum sample, 0.3 mL Examinations: ECP	Notes: Results are processed in connection with total IgE results of scheme 2670.											

Clinical chemistry » Basic chemistry

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
POCT 2100 Basic chemistry, POCT analyzers		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 human serum samples, 1 mL each Examinations: Alanine aminotransferase, albumin, alkaline phosphatase, amylase (total and pancreatic), aspartate aminotransferase, calcium, chloride, HDL cholesterol, cholesterol, creatinekinase, creatinine,	gamma glutamyltransferase, glucose, lactate dehydrogenase, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, total protein, triglycerides, urea, uric acid Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites. Only for dry chemistry analyzers.											
2730 Erythrocyte sedimentation rate			■		■				■		■	
Specimens: 1 artificial blood cell suspension, 4.5 mL	Examinations: ESR											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2731 Erythrocyte sedimentation rate: Alifax; Greiner tube			■		■				■		■	
Specimens: 3 test tubes containing synthetic latex solution, 3 mL each	Examinations: ESR											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2732 Erythrocyte sedimentation rate: Alifax; Sarstedt tube			■		■				■		■	
Specimens: 3 test tubes containing synthetic latex solution, 3 mL each	Examinations: ESR											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2750 Faecal occult blood	■				■				■		■	
Specimens: 2 preparations that include human haemoglobin, ≥ 0.5 mL each	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											
Examinations: Detection of haemoglobin												

POCT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2114 Haemoglobin, 1-level, POCT			■		■				■		■	
Specimens: 1 bovine hemolysate or human whole blood control sample, 1 mL	Notes: Only for POCT devices											
Examinations: Haemoglobin												

POCT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2113 Haemoglobin, 3-level samples, cell counters and analyzers									■			
Specimens: 3 human whole blood control samples, 1 mL each (low, medium and high concentration)	Examinations: Haemoglobin linearity with three samples. Reference values will be provided in the summary report.											
	Notes: For cell counters and analyzers											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2112 Haemoglobin, 3-level samples, POCT									■			
Specimens: 3 bovine or human samples, 1 mL each (low, medium and high concentration)	Examinations: Haemoglobin linearity with three samples											
	Notes: Only for POCT devices											

POCT

Clinical chemistry » Cardiac markers

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1541 CRP, low concentration		■		■		■			■		■	
Specimens: 1 human serum sample	Notes: CRP, low concentration sample is included in product 2541 Myocardial markers and CRP											
Examinations: CRP												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2540 Myocardial markers		■		■		■			■		■	
Specimens: 2 fresh human samples or 2 liquid samples, 0.5–1 mL each	Notes: Suits clinical laboratory analyzers. See also scheme 2530 Troponin I and T, detection for POCT.											
Examinations: CK MB mass, myoglobin, quantitative troponin I, quantitative troponin T												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2541 Myocardial markers and CRP, low concentration		■		■		■			■		■	
Specimens: 2 fresh human samples or 2 liquid samples for myocardial markers, 0.5–1 mL each and 1 for CRP, 1 mL	Notes: Suits clinical laboratory analyzers. See also scheme 2530 Troponin I and T, detection for POCT.											
Examinations: CK-MB mass, myoglobin, quantitative troponin I, quantitative troponin T and CRP, low concentration												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2690 Natriuretic peptides 1, B-type, NT-ProBNP	■			■			■			■		
Specimens: 2 lyophilized or liquid samples, 1–2 mL each	Notes: Suits both clinical laboratories and POCT sites. Also suitable for Roche Cardiac Reader and Cobas h232.											
Examinations: NT-ProBNP												

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
POCT	2691 Natriuretic peptides 2, B-type, BNP											
	Specimens: 2 lyophilized or liquid samples, 1–2 mL each Examinations: BNP						Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites					

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
POCT	2530 Troponin I and Troponin T, detection, POCT											
	Specimens: 2 fresh human samples or 2 liquid samples, 0.5 mL each Examinations: Detection of troponin I and troponin T						Notes: Qualitative, semi-quantitative and quantitative results are processed. This scheme is only for POCT, scheme 2540 is for analyzers.					

Clinical chemistry » Diabetes analysis

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
POCT	2570, 2580, 2590 Glucose meters 1, 2 and 3											
	Device specific product codes: 2570 for all glucose meters except Contour, HemoCue and On Call Plus 2580 for HemoCue meters 2590 for Contour meters Specimens: 1 whole blood or plasma sample						Examinations: Glucose Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites. Observe device specific product codes. 5 results processed with one order.					

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	1261 Haemoglobin A1c, liquid samples											
	Specimens: 2 liquid blood samples, 0.5 mL each Examinations: HbA1c						Notes: Result processing in IFCC and DCCT units. Not suitable for Afinion instruments.					

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
POCT	1263 Haemoglobin A1c, liquid samples, POCT											
	Specimens: 2 liquid blood samples, 0.5 mL each Examinations: HbA1c						Notes: Result processing in IFCC and DCCT units. Only for POCT devices. Not suitable for Afinion instruments.					

Clinical chemistry » Endocrinology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	2221 Down's syndrome screening, quality assurance											
	Specimens: No sample analysis involved						Examinations: Patient results are collected from risk management software (e.g. LifeCycle, Prisca) anonymously for data analysis. Will be delivered only if the number of participants is at least 10.					

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EQA ³	2300, 2300S Hormones A: Basic analytes of hormone and immunochemistry											
	Specimens: 2 human serum samples with differing concentrations, 3 mL each. Liquid serum sample (one level) included in Apr and Oct rounds. Pre- and/or post-analytical cases in part of the rounds. Examinations: Digoxin, ferritin, folate, hCG (total, intact), T3, free T3, T4, free T4, TSH, vitamin B12, active vitamin B-12, pre- and/or post-analytical indicators						Notes: 2300S is a limited version of the scheme available for laboratories performing testing of 1–5 analytes. For additional set of samples, order scheme 1300.					

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	1300 Hormones A, extra set of samples											
	Specimens: 2 human serum samples, 3 mL each						Notes: Only in connection with scheme 2300					

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2301, 2301S Hormones B: Steroid and peptide hormones		■		■		■		■		■		■
Specimens: 2 human serum samples with differing concentrations, 3 mL each. Liquid serum sample (one level) included in Apr, Aug and Dec rounds.												
Examinations: Androstenedione, aldosterone, C-peptide, cortisol, DHEAS, estradiol, FSH, gastrin, growth hormone, IGF-1, insulin, LH, progesterone,												
	17-OH-progesterone, prolactin, SHBG, testosterone, free testosterone, TBG											
	Notes: Reference values for 1 analyte in liquid serum will be provided. 2301S is a limited version of the scheme available for laboratories performing testing of 1–5 analytes. For additional set of samples, order scheme 1301.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1301 Hormones B, extra set of samples		■		■		■		■		■		■
Specimens: 2 human serum samples, 3 mL each												
	Notes: Only in connection with scheme 2301											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2250 Parathyroid hormone			■							■		
Specimens: 2 lyophilized human serum samples, 1 mL each												
	Examinations: PTH											

Clinical chemistry » General long-term clinical chemistry

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1031 DayTrol, human serum	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Specimens: 1 lyophilized human serum sample, 5 mL												
Examinations: Alanine aminotransferase, albumin, alkaline phosphatase, amylase, aspartate aminotransferase, bilirubin, calcium, chloride, cholesterol, cholesterol HDL, creatine phosphokinase, creatinine, gamma-glutamyltransferase, glucose, iron, lactate, lactate dehydrogenase,												
	lithium, magnesium, osmolality, phosphorus, potassium, protein, sodium, thyrotropin, thyroxine, thyroxine free, transferrin, transferrin receptor, triglycerides, urea, uric acid											
	Notes: Minimum order quantity of 10 bottles per year. Monthly processing of results included.											

Clinical chemistry » General short-term clinical chemistry

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2040 Bilirubin, neonatal	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Specimens: 1 lyophilized sample, 1–3 mL												
Examinations: Bil, neo												
	Notes: Samples for multiple rounds shipped simultaneously. Monthly processing of results included.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2020 C-reactive protein (CRP) for analyzers												
See specific proteins, page 12												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1002 Haemoglobin for analyzers	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Specimens: 1 hemolyzed sample, 1 mL												
Examinations: Haemoglobin												
	Notes: Samples for multiple rounds shipped simultaneously. Monthly processing of results included. Only for clinical laboratories. Order product 2114 for POCT Hb meters.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1072, 1072S Serum A	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Specimens: Liquid or lyophilized serum sample, 3–5 mL each, samples are selected to cover a wide concentration range												
Examinations: Alanine aminotransferase, albumin, alkaline phosphatase, alpha-1-antitrypsin, alpha-1-glykoprotein, amylase, amylase (pancreatic), aspartate aminotransferase, bilirubin, calcium, calcium (ionized, actual), calcium (ionized, pH 7.4), chloride, cholesterol, cholesterol HDL, cholesterol LDL, copper, cortisol, creatine phosphokinase, creatinine, ferritin, gamma-glutamyltransferase, glucose, haptoglobin, IgA, IgE, IgG, IgM,												
	iron, lactate, lactate dehydrogenase, lithium, magnesium, oroso-mucoid, osmolality, phosphorus, potassium, protein, selenium, sodium, thyrotropin, thyroxine, thyroxine free, TIBC, transferrin, transferrin receptor, triglycerides, tri-iodio-thyronine, urea, uric acid, zinc											
	Notes: Samples for multiple rounds shipped simultaneously. Monthly processing of results included. 1072S is a limited version of the scheme available for laboratories performing testing of 1–5 analytes.											

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2050 Serum B and C (2-level)

Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples covering a wide concentration range, 3–5 mL each

Examinations: Alanine aminotransferase, albumin, alfa-1-antitrypcine, alfa-1-glycoprotein, alkaline phosphatase, amylase, pancreas amylase, aspartate aminotransferase, bilirubin, ferritin, phosphate, glucose, glutamyltransferase, haptoglobin, IgA, IgE, IgG, IgM, potassium, calcium, ionized calcium, ionized calcium pH corrected (7.4), chloride, cholesterol,

HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, cortisol, creatine kinase, creatinine, copper, lactate, lactate dehydrogenase, lipase, lithium, magnesium, sodium, osmolality, protein, iron binding capacity, iron, selenium, zinc, transferrin, transferrin receptor, triglycerides, tri-iodio-thyronine, thyrotropin, tyroxine, free tyroxine, urea, uric acid

Notes: Reference values for common analytes are included

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2610 Acid-base status and electrolytes

Specimens: 3 buffered artificial samples, 2.5 mL each. Pre- and/or post-analytical cases in part of the rounds.

Examinations: Chloride, creatinine, glucose, ionized calcium, ionized magnesium, lactate, pCO₂, pH, pO₂, potassium, sodium, urea, Base excess, H₂CO₃, pre- and/or post-analytical indicators

Notes: Order own sample set for each analyzer. For clinical laboratories and POCT sites.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2510 Alcohol in blood: Ethanol + methanol + isopropanol

Specimens: Ethanol: 2-level whole blood samples. Methanol and isopropanol: 1-level whole blood samples.

Examinations: Ethanol, methanol, isopropanol

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2516 Alcohol in blood: Ethylene glycol in whole blood

Specimens: 1-level whole blood samples

Examinations: Ethylene glycol

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2511 Alcohol in serum: Ethanol + methanol + isopropanol

Specimens: Ethanol: 2-level serum samples. Methanol and isopropanol: 1-level serum samples.

Examinations: Ethanol, methanol, isopropanol

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2517 Alcohol in serum: Ethylene glycol in serum

Specimens: 1-level serum samples

Examinations: Ethylene glycol

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2105 Ammonium ion

Specimens: 2 serum based or buffered samples

Examinations: Ammonium ion

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2210 Angiotencin convertase (ACE)

Specimens: 1 liquid and 1 lyophilized human serum sample, 1 mL each

Examinations: ACE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2520 Bile acids

Specimens: 2 pooled human serum samples, 0.5 mL each

Examinations: Bile acids

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2109 Bilirubin, conjugated

Specimens: 2 lyophilized or liquid samples

Examinations: Total bilirubin, conjugated bilirubin

8702 Chromogranin A [NKK]	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1 time
Specimens: 3 genuine human serum samples													
8805 Cystatin C [DEKS]	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2 times
Specimens: 2 human plasma samples with reference target values, 0.75 mL each						Examinations: P-Cystatin C Notes: Participation is not possible for less than 2 rounds a year							
2370 Folate, erythrocytes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Specimens: 1 human whole blood sample, 1 mL each Examinations: Blood folate and erythrocyte folate						Notes: Scheme is delivered only to Nordic countries							
2150 Haemoxymeters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Specimens: 2 liquid, 2.0 mL each or lyophilized samples, 0.5 mL each Examinations: FO2Hb, FCOHb, FMETHb, ctHb, sO2						Notes: Order own sample set for each analyzer							
8816 Homocysteine [DEKS]	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5 times
Specimens: 2 human plasma or serum samples Examinations: P-Homocysteine						Notes: Participation is not possible for less than 5 rounds in a year							
8815 Methyl malonate [DEKS]	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5 times
Specimens: 2 human serum samples Examinations: P-Methyl-malonate						Notes: Participation is not possible for less than 5 rounds in a year							
2651 Nasal swab cells	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Specimens: 4 digital images of MGG and methylene eosin stained samples						Examinations: Eosinophils, neutrophils							
2652 Sputum cells	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Specimens: 4 digital images of MGG and methylene eosin stained samples						Examinations: Eosinophils, neutrophils							
2640 Synovial fluid crystals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Specimens: 3 slides prepared from patient samples						Examinations: Sodium urate monohydrate and calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate crystals							
2410 Therapeutic drugs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Specimens: 2 human serum samples, volume 5 mL each Examinations: Amikasin, amitriptyline, carbamazepine, carbamazepine free, cyclosporine, digoxin, disopyramide, ethosuximide, flecainide, gentamycin, lidocaine, lithium, methotrexate, NAPA, netilmycin, nortriptyline,						paracetamol (acetaminophen), phenobarbital, phenytoin, phenytoin free, primidone, procainamide, quinidine, salicylate, theophylline, tobramycin, tricyclics, valproic acid, valproic acid free, vancomycin							
2480 Vitamin A, E and D metabolites	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, 1 mL each Examinations: Vitamin A, vitamin E, 25(OH)D, 1,25(OH)2D						Notes: Target values for D vitamin metabolites are provided							

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2481 Vitamin A, E and D metabolites, extra set of samples

Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, 5 mL each

Notes: Only in connection with scheme 2480

Clinical chemistry » **Specific proteins**

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2020 C-reactive protein (CRP) for analyzers

Specimens: 2 liquid serum or plasma samples
Examinations: CRP

Notes: Scheme is designed only for clinical chemistry analyzers. Order scheme 2132 for POCT CRP meters.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2132 C-reactive protein (CRP), POCT

Specimens: 2 human serum samples, 1 mL each
Examinations: CRP

Notes: Only for **quantitative POCT** CRP meters

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2140 Decalotransferrin [EQUALIS]

Specimens: 2 human plasma samples, varying concentration of CDT
Examinations: CDT

Notes: Participation is not possible for less than 6 rounds in a year

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2751 Faecal calprotectin

Specimens: 2 lyophilized faecal specimens, 0.5 mL each

Examinations: Calprotectin

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2200 Lipids and lipoproteins

Specimens: 2 fresh human serum samples, 0.5–1 mL each
Examinations: Cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, lipoprotein apo A1, lipoprotein apo A2, lipoprotein apo B, lipoprotein (a), triglycerides

Notes: Separate round for Lp(a), see scheme 2202

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2202 Lipoprotein a

Specimens: 1 liquid or lyophilized human serum preparation

Examinations: Lp(a)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2280 Procalcitonin

Specimens: 2 liquid or lyophilized samples
Examinations: Procalcitonin

Notes: Only for **quantitative** methods

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2160 Proteins in cerebrospinal fluid

Specimens: 1 cerebrospinal fluid, 1.8 mL and 1 human serum sample, 1 mL

Examinations: Cerebrospinal fluid: Albumin, IgG, total protein, IgG index.
Serum: Albumin, IgG.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2240 Proteins, electrophoresis

Specimens: 2 liquid or lyophilized human serum samples, 0.5–1 mL each

Examinations: Electrophoresis, contains immunofixation

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2230 Proteins, immunochemical determinations	■			■		■			■			
Specimens: 2 liquid or lyophilized human serum samples, 1 mL each												
Examinations: Alpha-1-antitrypsin, alpha-2-macroglobulin, albumin, ceruloplasmin, complement C3, complement C4, haptoglobin, hemopexin,	IgA, IgG, IgLcKappa, IgLcLambda, IgLcKappa free, IgLcLambda free, IgM, orosomucoid, pre-albumin, RBP, transferrin, transferrin receptor											

Clinical chemistry » Tumour markers

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2226 Prostate specific antigen	■			■			■			■		
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, 1 mL each												
Examinations: PSA, complexed PSA, free PSA, free/total PSA ratio												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2700, 2700S Tumour markers		■			■			■				■
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, 2 mL each												
Examinations: AFP, CA 125, CA 153, CA 199, CEA, ferritin, hCG (total, intact, beta-subunit), PSA, PSA free, PSA free/total index, TG, TG antibodies, beta-2-microglobulin, Anti-Müllerian hormone, NSE, HE4	Notes: 2700S is a limited version of the scheme available for laboratories performing testing of 1-5 analytes.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2701 Tumour markers, extra set of samples		■			■			■				■
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, 2 mL each												
Notes: Only in connection with scheme 2700												

Clinical chemistry » Urine analysis

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
3240 Albumin and creatinine in urine				■							■			POCT
Specimens: 2 human urine samples with spiked albumin and creatinine, 4 mL each														
Examinations: Albumin, creatinine, albumin-creatinine ratio														
Notes: Only for quantitative methods														

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
3300 Drug abuse screening in urine		■				■			■				POCT
Specimens: 2 authentic samples, 5 mL each													
Examinations: alpha PVP, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzo-diazepines, buprenorphine, cannabinoids, carbamazepine, cocaine metabolites, codeine, gammahydroxybutyrate, LSD, MDMA+MDA (Ecstasy), MDPV, metaqualone, methadone metabolites, morphine, opiates, oxycodone, paracetamol, phencyclidine, phentanyle, propoxyphene, salicylate, tramadol, tricyclic antidepressants	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites. Expert laboratory confirmatory results are provided. Results are reported as positive or negative.												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
3270 Pregnancy test			■		■				■			■	POCT
Specimens: 2 fresh urine samples, 1 mL each													
Examinations: Qualitative hCG													
Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites													

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3200 Urine, identification of cells and other particles		■			■			■				■
Specimens: 4 digital images												
Examinations: Identification of cells and other particles												
Notes: Images are also available as paper prints, see scheme 3201												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3201 Urine, identification of cells and other particles, paper prints		■			■			■				■
Specimens: Images of scheme 3200 as paper prints												
Notes: Only in connection with scheme 3200												

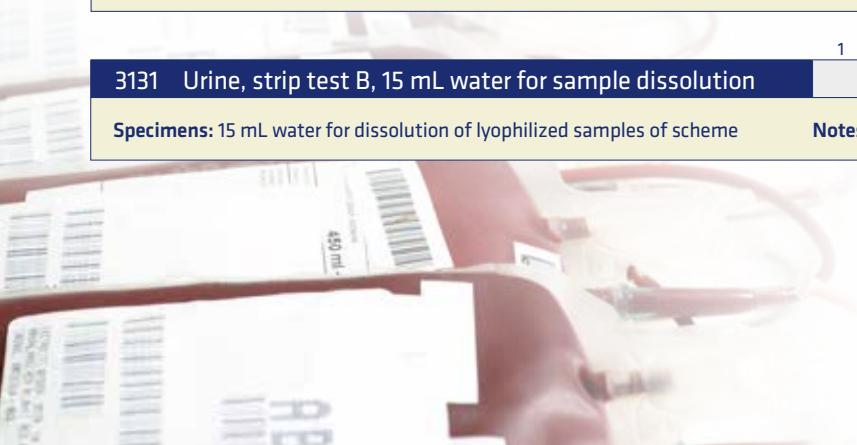
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3160 Urine, quantitative chemistry			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 1 lyophilized or liquid urine, 8–10 mL	Examinations: Albumin, amylase, calcium, chloride, cortisol-free, creatinine, glucose, magnesium, osmolality, pH, phosphorus, potassium, protein, relative density, sodium, urea, uric acid											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3100 Urine, strip test A		■		■				■		■		
Specimens: 1 lyophilized urine sample with varying concentrations, 15 mL Examinations: Glucose, ketones, leukocytes, nitrite, pH, protein, blood, relative density	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites. Water for dissolution available, see scheme 3101, should be ordered separately.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3101 Urine strip test A, 15 mL water for sample dissolution		■		■				■		■		
Specimens: 15 mL water for dissolution of samples of scheme 3100	Notes: Only in connection with scheme 3100											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3130 Urine, strip test B, particle count and estimation of density			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 1 lyophilized or liquid urine, 12–15 mL Examinations: Particle count: erythrocytes and leukocytes. Estimation of density: creatinine, relative density, osmolality. Strip tests: glucose, ketones, leukocytes, nitrite, pH, protein, blood.	Notes: Also suitable for automatic analyzers (erythrocytes and leukocytes counting). The arbitrary concentrations of the obtained strip test results will only be collected in order to avoid different groupings of positive categories used by different strip tests and user laboratories. Water for dissolution of the lyophilized sample available, see scheme 3131, should be ordered separately.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3131 Urine, strip test B, 15 mL water for sample dissolution			■						■			
Specimens: 15 mL water for dissolution of lyophilized samples of scheme	Notes: Only in connection with scheme 3130											



EQA schemes for **blood banks**

Blood transfusion serology

- 4420 ABO and Rh grouping
- 4460 Antibody screening and compatibility testing
- 4440 Antiglobulin test, direct
- 4480 Blood grouping, gel cards, virtual scheme (trial)

Bacterial serology

- 5880 Syphilis serology

Bacteriology

- 5100 Blood culture
- 5101 Blood culture, screening

Virology, serological tests

- 5650 Cytomegalovirus, antibodies
- 5092 Hepatitis A, antibodies
- 5093 Hepatitis B, s-antigen antibodies, quantitative
- 5094–5096 Hepatitis B and C, serology
- 5091 HIV, antibodies
- 5089 Human T-cell lymphotropic virus, antibodies
- 5660 Parvovirus B19, antibodies

Virology, molecular tests

- 5679 Hepatitis B virus, nucleic acid detection (DNA)
- 5678 Hepatitis C virus, nucleic acid detection (RNA)
- 5680 HIV, nucleic acid detection (RNA)

Haematology

The haematology offering consists of schemes for blood transfusion serology, cell count and morphology as well as coagulation tests. Specialties include the Erythrocyte sedimentation rate for Alifax as well as the White blood cell count and INR schemes for POCT. Units performing blood transfusions find EQA schemes for hepatitis B and C, HIV as well as other infectious diseases under the microbiology portfolio.

Haematology » Blood transfusion serological tests

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4420 ABO and Rh grouping		■			■			■			■		EQA³
Specimens: 2 whole blood samples. Pre- and/or post-analytical cases in part of the rounds.	Examinations: ABO & Rh reactivity and interpretation, pre-and/or post-analytical indicators												
4460 Antibody screening and compatibility testing		■			■			■			■		EQA³
Specimens: 2 whole blood samples and 4 red blood cell suspensions. Pre- and/or post-analytical cases in part of the rounds.	Examinations: Reaction strengths and interpretation, pre-and/or post-analytical indicators												
4440 Antiglobulin test, direct		■			■			■			■		EQA³
Specimens: 2 red blood cell suspensions. Pre- and/or post-analytical cases in part of the rounds.	Examinations: Reaction strengths and interpretation, pre-and/or post-analytical indicators												
4480 Blood grouping, gel cards, virtual scheme					■								NEW
Specimens: 3–5 cases (digital images) Examinations: Interpretation of cases	Notes: Post-analytical trial scheme												

Haematology » Cell count and cell morphology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4100 Basic blood count, one specimen	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Specimens: 1 blood cell suspension	Examinations: Hb, HCT, MCH, MCHC, MCV, PLT, RBC, RDW (red cell distribution width), WBC, cumulative patient means of MCH, MCHC, MCV												
4110 Basic blood count, two specimens	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Specimens: 2 blood cell suspensions	Examinations: Hb, HCT, MCH, MCHC, MCV, PLT, RBC, RDW (red cell distribution width), WBC, cumulative patient means of MCH, MCHC, MCV												
4180 Leucocyte differential count and evaluation of blood cell morphology					■					■			VIRTUAL
Specimens: 2–3 patient cases as virtual slide images or unstained blood smears	Examinations: Leucocyte differential count and evaluation of red blood cells												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4200–4201 Leucocyte differential count, 3-part, automated			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 1 blood cell suspension, 2–4 mL	Analyzer specific product codes:											
Examinations: Absolute numbers of leucocytes, lymphocytes, mononuclear cells and granulocytes	4200: ABX, Advia, Cell-Dyn, Coulter, Nihon Kohden Celltac MEK 4201: Sysmex											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4230–4237 Leucocyte differential count, 5-part, automated			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 1 blood cell suspension, 2–4 mL	Analyzer specific product codes:											
Examinations: Leucocytes, basophils, eosinophils, granulocytes, lymphocytes and monocytes	4234: ABX Pentra 4231: Cell-Dyn 4232: Coulter 4235: Coulter ACT5-diff 4236: Mindray 4237: Nihon Kohden Celltac MEK 4230: Siemens Advia 4233: Sysmex XE, XS, XT, XN											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5430 Malaria, antigen detection		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 3 whole blood samples	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											
Examinations: Antigen detection. Target antigens: HRP2 and/or pLDH and/or aldolase.												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5460 Parasites in blood, Giemsa stain		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 Giemsa stained smears. Brief case histories are also given. Authentic samples.	Examinations: Screening and identification of malaria plasmodia and other blood parasites											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5470 Parasites in blood, Giemsa stain, virtual microscopy										■		
Specimens: Virtual whole slide images of Giemsa stained smears prepared by using a scanner microscope. Authentic samples.	Examinations: Screening and identification of malaria plasmodia and other blood parasites											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5461 Parasites in blood, May-Grünwald-Giemsa stain		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 May-Grünwald-Giemsa stained smears. Brief case histories are also given. Authentic samples.	Examinations: Screening and identification of malaria plasmodia and other blood parasites											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5471 Parasites in blood, May-Grünwald-Giemsa stain, virtual microscopy										■		
Specimens: Virtual whole slide images of MGG stained smears prepared by using a scanner microscope. Brief case histories are also given. Authentic samples.	Examinations: Screening and identification of malaria plasmodia and other blood parasites											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4150–4155 Reticulocyte count, automated			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 2 stabilized red blood cell suspensions, 2–4 mL each	Analyzer specific product codes:											
Examinations: Reticulocyte count	4154: ABX Pentra 4151: Cell-Dyn 4000, Sapphire 4155: Cell-Dyn 3200, 3500, 3700, Ruby 4152: Coulter Gens, LH750 4150: Siemens Advia 4153: Sysmex											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4140 Reticulocyte count, manual methods			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 1 stabilized red blood cell suspension, 2 mL	Examinations: Reticulocyte count											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4130 White blood cell count: HemoCue, POCT			■						■				POCT
Specimens: 1 blood cell suspension, 2 mL	Notes: The scheme is for HemoCue WBC Systems												
Examinations: Leucocytes													

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4190 White blood cell differential count: HemoCue, POCT						■						■	POCT
Specimens: 1 blood cell suspension, 2 mL	Notes: The scheme is for HemoCue WBC Diff analyzers (5-part)												
Examinations: Leucocytes, neutrophils, lymphocytes, monocytes, basophils, eosinophils													

Haematology » Coagulation

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4330 Activated partial thromboplastin time and fibrinogen		■			■			■				■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized plasma samples, 0.5–1 mL each	Examinations: Coagulation time in seconds, fibrinogen												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4387 Anticoagulants: LMW-Heparin/antiFXa		■			■			■				■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized plasma samples, 0.5–1 mL each	Examinations: LMW-heparin/antiFXA												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4391 Anticoagulants: Rivaroxaban					■							■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized plasma samples	Examinations: Rivaroxaban concentration												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4388 D-dimer		■			■			■				■	EQA ³ POCT
Specimens: 2 pooled plasma samples, 0.5–1 mL each. Pre- and/or post-analytical cases in part of the rounds.	Examinations: D-Dimer, pre- and post-analytical indicators												
	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4332 INR, Alere INRatio, POCT					■							■	POCT
Specimens: 1 strip from the manufacturer and capillary blood from the laboratory	Examinations: Prothrombin time in INR unit												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4339 INR, CoagSense, POCT					■							■	NEW POCT
Specimens: 1 lyophilized plasma sample	Notes: Only for CoagSense meter												
Examinations: Prothrombin time in INR unit													

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4335 INR, CoaguChek, POCT					■							■	POCT
Specimens: 1 lyophilized or liquid plasma sample	Notes: Only for CoaguChek												
Examinations: Prothrombin time in INR unit													

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
4337 INR, EuroLyzer, POCT					■							■	NEW POCT
Specimens: 1 lyophilized plasma sample	Notes: Only for EuroLyzer INR meter												
Examinations: Prothrombin time in INR unit													

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NEW 4338 INR, MicroINR, POCT					■						■	
POCT Specimens: 1 lyophilized plasma sample Examinations: Prothrombin time in INR unit	Notes: Only for microINR meter											
NEW 4336 POCT INR evaluation scheme					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
POCT Specimens: Lyophilized or liquid plasma sample/samples Examinations: Prothrombin time in INR unit	Notes: Scheme is designed for evaluation of several new POCT INR meters at the same time.											
4300 Prothrombin time		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized plasma samples, 0.5–1 mL each	Examinations: Prothrombin time, PT%											
4386 Special coagulation		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized plasma samples, 0.5–1 mL each	Examinations: Antithrombin, Factor VIII, Protein C, Protein S											

EQA services for POCT sites

Patient outcome is associated with obtaining a reliable test result regardless of where the testing is performed. To ensure quality of care and patient safety, it is imperative that point-of-care testing (POCT) is subjected to the same quality requirements as conventional laboratory analyses.

Labquality offers a range of EQA schemes suitable for POCT sites. These services are intended for all testing units including home/community nursing, hospital wards, pediatric clinics, surgical units, occupational healthcare, outpatient clinics and medical centers.

Clinical chemistry

- 2610 Acid-base status and electrolytes
- 3240 Albumin and creatinine in urine
- 2100 Basic chemistry, POCT analyzers
- 2132 C-reactive protein (CRP), POCT
- 3300 Drug abuse screening in urine
- 2750 Faecal occult blood
- 2570, 2580, 2590 Glucose meters 1, 2 and 3
- 1263 Haemoglobin A1c, liquid samples, POCT
- 2114 Haemoglobin, 1-level, POCT
- 2112 Haemoglobin, 3-level samples, POCT
- 2690 Natriuretic peptides 1, B-type, NT-ProBNP
- 2691 Natriuretic peptides 2, B-type, BNP
- 3270 Pregnancy test
- 2530 Troponin I and Troponin T, detection, POCT
- 3100 Urine, strip test A

Haematology

- 4388 D-Dimer
- 4332 INR, Alere INRatio, POCT
- 4339 INR, CoagSense, POCT

- 4335 INR, CoaguChek, POCT
- 4337 INR, EuroLyzer, POCT
- 4338 INR, MicroINR, POCT
- 5430 Malaria, antigen detection
- 4336 POCT INR evaluation scheme
- 4130 White blood cell count: HemoCue, POCT
- 4190 White blood cell differential count: HemoCue, POCT

Microbiology

- 5640 EBV mononucleosis, heterophile antibodies
- 5596 *Helicobacter pylori*, antigen detection in faeces
- 5090 HIV, antibodies, POCT
- 5671 Influenza virus A+B, antigen detection
- 5597 Legionella, antigen detection in urine
- 5430 Malaria, antigen detection
- 5980 *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, antibodies
- 5560 Puumala virus, antibodies
- 5672 RS virus, antigen detection
- 5595 *Streptococcus*, group A, antigen detection
- 5594 *Streptococcus*, group B (GBS), detection
- 5598 *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, antigen detection in urine
- 5099 Tick-borne encephalitis virus, antibodies
- 5474 *Trichomonas vaginalis*, antigen detection

Preanalytics

- 4388 D-Dimer, integrated EQA scheme (includes preanalytics)
- 7801 Preanalytics, phlebotomy
- 7804 Preanalytics, POCT

Immunology

This program includes schemes for immunodiagnostic tests such as those for coeliac disease, rheumatoid factor and thyroid gland autoantibodies. All of the schemes involve analysis of liquid human serum or plasma samples. For allergy diagnostics, review the allergology program in the clinical chemistry portfolio.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5935 ANCA and GbmAb		■						■				
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.5 mL each		Notes: Quantitative results are also processed (Pr3Ab, MPOAb)										
Examinations: Anti-neutrophilic cytoplasmic Ab, Myeloperoxidase Ab, Proteinase-3 Ab and Glomerular basement membrane Ab												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5900 Antinuclear antibodies				■						■		
Specimens: 3 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.6 mL each		Notes: Extractable antinuclear antigens and double-stranded deoxyribonucleic acid are included										
Examinations: ANA, ENAAb, RNPAb, SmAb, SSAAb, SSBAb, Scl70Ab, CentAb, Jo1Ab, DNAnAb (dsDNA), HistAb												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5938 Autoimmune diagnostics, IFA interpretation					■							
Specimens: 3–5 cases (digital images)		Notes: Trial scheme										
Examinations: Interpretation												

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5930 Autoimmune liver disease and gastric parietal cell antibodies					■						■	
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.4 mL each		Examinations: Liver kidney microsomal antibodies, Smooth muscle antibodies, Mitochondrial antibodies, Gastric parietal cell antibodies										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5940 Coeliac disease, antibodies		■				■				■		
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.7 mL each		Notes: Quantitative results are also processed (tTGAbA, tTGAbG, DGPAbA, DGPAbG)										
Examinations: Endomysium antibodies, tissue transglutaminase antibodies, deamidated gliadin peptide antibodies												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5937 Phospholipid antibodies					■							
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.5 mL each		Notes: Quantitative results are also processed										
Examinations: Phospholipid antibodies, Cardiolipin antibodies (IgG and IgM), beta-2-glycoprotein antibodies (IgG and IgM).												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5820 Rheumatoid factor and citrullin peptide antibodies	■			■			■			■		
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.7 mL each		Examinations: Qualitative and quantitative RF, CCPAb										

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

5920 Thyroid gland antibodies

Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.4 mL each
Examinations: Thyroglobulin antibodies and thyroid peroxidase antibodies

Notes: Quantitative results are also processed

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

5913 TSH receptor antibodies

Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, 0.4 mL each
Examinations: Thyroid stimulating hormone receptor antibodies

Notes: Quantitative results are also processed



Microbiology

The microbiological EQA programs are suitable for clinical laboratories and POCT sites performing testing in the areas of bacterial serology, bacteriology, mycology, parasitology and virology. While the selection includes schemes for antigen detection, antibody detection, culture, microscopy, and PCR tests, solutions for versatile needs are available. Authentic single donor samples are included in multiple schemes.

Microbiology » Bacterial Serology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5840 Antistreptolysin		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.4 mL each. Authentic, commutable, single donor samples.	Examinations: Qualitative and quantitative ASO											
5950 <i>Bordetella pertussis</i>, antibodies	■			■				■			■	
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, ≥ 0.3 mL each	Examinations: <i>B. pertussis</i> IgA, IgG & IgM antibodies, Pertussis toxin IgA, IgG & IgM and clinical interpretation											
5960 <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>, antibodies, European origin	■			■				■			■	
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.5 mL each. Authentic, commutable, single donor samples.	Examinations: <i>B. burgdorferi</i> IgG, IgM and total antibodies, clinical interpretation											
5620 <i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>, antibodies		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 1 single serum and 1 paired serum samples, 0.4 mL each	Examinations: <i>C. pneumoniae</i> IgA, IgG, IgM antibodies, clinical interpretation											
5970 Enteropathogens, antibodies		■			■				■			■
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.6 mL each	Examinations: Salmonella and yersinia IgA, IgG, IgM and total antibodies, clinical interpretation											
5860 <i>Helicobacter pylori</i>, antibodies			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum or plasma samples, 0.4 mL each	Examinations: <i>H. pylori</i> IgA, IgG and total antibodies, quantitative and qualitative tests, clinical interpretation											
5980 <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>, antibodies		■			■				■		■	
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, 0.3 mL each. Authentic, commutable, single donor samples.	Examinations: <i>M. pneumoniae</i> IgG, IgM and total antibodies, clinical interpretation											
	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											

POCT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5880 Syphilis serology		■				■				■		■
Specimens: 2 liquid human serum samples, 0.6 mL each. Authentic, commutable, single donor samples.	Examinations: Cardiolipin, <i>Treponema pallidum</i> antibodies and clinical interpretation											

Microbiology » Bacteriology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5050 Bacteriological staining, direct				■						■		
Specimens: 3–9 digital images	Examinations: Interpretation of digital images taken from direct bacteriological staining of clinical samples											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5100 Blood culture			■		■					■		■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized samples. Brief case histories also given. Fresh blood is needed in the specimen preparation. The samples intended for susceptibility testing may include both international quality control strains and susceptible or resistant clinical strains.	Examinations: Culture, identification, antimicrobial susceptibility Notes: Fresh blood is needed but not included in the shipment											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5101 Blood culture, screening			■		■					■		■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized samples. Brief case histories also given. Fresh blood is needed in the sample preparation.	Examinations: Culture, preliminary identification using Gram staining. The scheme is also suitable for stem cell banks screening only for possible growth. Notes: Fresh blood is needed but not included in the shipment											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5150 Cerebrospinal fluid, culture		■			■				■			■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized samples. Brief case histories also given.	Examinations: Culture and identification. The scheme is also suitable for laboratories performing screening and reporting merely a preliminary identification.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5612 <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> and <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> nucleic acid detection				■		■			■			■
Specimens: 3 samples (swab and/or liquid samples)	Examinations: Detection of <i>C. trachomatis</i> and <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> nucleic acid											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5200 <i>Clostridium difficile</i>		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized mixtures of bacteria	Examinations: This scheme includes <i>C. difficile</i> culture, antigen detection (GDH), toxin detection and direct nucleic acid detection											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5202 <i>Clostridium difficile</i>, extra set of samples		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized mixtures of bacteria	Notes: Only in connection with scheme 5200											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5201 <i>Clostridium difficile</i>, nucleic acid detection		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized mixtures of bacteria	Notes: 5200 includes also this examination											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5190 Faecal culture				■		■				■		■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized mixtures of bacteria	Examinations: Culture and direct nucleic acid detection. Pathogens included are <i>Campylobacter</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Shigella</i> and <i>Yersinia</i> .											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5191 Faecal bacterial pathogens, nucleic acid detection				■		■				■		■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized mixtures of bacteria		Notes: 5190 includes also this examination										
Examinations: Direct nucleic acid detection. Pathogens included are <i>Campylobacter</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Shigella</i> and <i>Yersinia</i> .												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5080 General Bacteriology 1 (aerobes and anaerobes)			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 4 lyophilized mixtures of microbes: both pathogens and normal flora. The samples intended for susceptibility testing may include both international quality control strains and susceptible or resistant clinical strains. Brief case histories are also given. Pre- and/or post-analytical cases in part of the rounds.		Examinations: Isolation of pathogens and antimicrobial susceptibility testing, pre- and/or post-analytical indicators										
		Notes: 5080 includes 5081, General Bacteriology 2										

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5081 General Bacteriology 2 (aerobes)			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized mixtures of microbes: both pathogens and normal flora. The specimens intended for susceptibility testing may include both international quality control strains and susceptible or resistant clinical strains. Brief case histories are also given. Pre- and/or post-analytical cases in part of the rounds.		Examinations: Isolation of pathogens and antimicrobial susceptibility testing, pre- and/or post-analytical indicators										
		Notes: 5080 General Bacteriology 1 includes 5081										

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5040 Gram stain, colonies	■			■			■			■		
Specimens: 3 air-dried, unfixed microbe suspensions on a slide		Examinations: Staining and microscopy										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5041 Gram stain, blood culture	■			■			■			■		
Specimens: 2–3 air-dried microbe suspensions on slides		Examinations: Staining and microscopy										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5596 <i>Helicobacter pylori</i>, antigen detection in faeces			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 3 lyophilized faecal samples		Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites										
Examinations: Antigen detection												

POCT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5597 Legionella, antigen detection in urine			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 3 simulated urine samples		Examinations: Legionella antigen detection										

POCT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5220 Mycobacterial culture and stain			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized samples and 2 fixed smears on slides		Examinations: Detection of <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> and atypical mycobacteria: culture, direct nucleic acid detection, acid-fast staining and microscopy										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5221 Mycobacterial nucleic acid detection and stain			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized samples and 2 fixed smears on slides		Notes: 5220 includes also this examination										
Examinations: Direct nucleic acid detection. This scheme includes also 2 smears.												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5240 Mycobacterial stain			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 2 fixed smears on slides		Examinations: Acid-fast staining and microscopy										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5120 <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (Gc), culture and susceptibility testing			■		■			■			■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized mixtures of microbes in loops	Examinations: Culture, identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing. Also suitable for laboratories performing preliminary screening.											
5180 Salmonella culture				■		■				■		■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized mixtures of bacteria Examinations: Culture	Notes: 5190 also includes 5180											
POCT 5595 <i>Streptococcus</i> group A, antigen detection			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 3 simulated pharyngeal samples Examinations: Antigen detection	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											
NEW 5593 <i>Streptococcus</i> group A, nucleic acid detection			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 3 simulated pharyngeal samples	Examinations: Nucleic acid detection											
POCT 5594 <i>Streptococcus</i> group B (GBS), detection				■		■			■		■	
Specimens: 2 lyophilized samples. Samples include pathogens and/or normal flora.	Examinations: Culture, direct nucleic acid detection and antigen detection											
POCT 5598 <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , antigen detection in urine			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 3 simulated urine specimens	Examinations: <i>S. pneumoniae</i> antigen detection											
5073 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, gramnegative rods		■				■			■		■	
Specimens: 1 lyophilized mixture of microbes; including pathogens and/or normal flora	Examinations: The scheme is intended for laboratories performing screening of multidrug resistant gramnegative rods (e.g. CPE, ESBL, MDR <i>Acinetobacter</i> and <i>P. aeruginosa</i>) by culture and/or direct nucleic acid detection method											
5071 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, MRSA		■				■			■		■	
Specimens: 1 lyophilized mixture of microbes; including pathogens and/or normal flora	Examinations: The scheme is intended for laboratories performing screening of MRSA (methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>) by culture and/or direct nucleic acid detection method											
5072 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, VRE		■				■			■		■	
Specimens: 1 lyophilized mixture of microbes; including pathogens and/or normal flora	Examinations: The scheme is intended for laboratories performing screening of VRE (vancomycin-resistant enterococci) by culture and/or direct nucleic acid detection method											
5140 Throat streptococcal culture			■		■			■			■	
Specimens: 3 lyophilized mixtures of bacteria	Examinations: Culture and identification of group A, C and G streptococci											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5060 Urine culture, quantitative screening			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized samples and dilutor. Brief case histories also given.			Examinations: Culture and quantitation									

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5065 Urine culture, quantitative screening, identification and susceptibility			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 2 lyophilized samples and dilutor. Brief case histories also given. The samples intended for susceptibility testing may include both international quality control strains and susceptible or resistant clinical strains.			Examinations: Culture, quantitation, identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing									

Microbiology » Mycology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5260 Fungal culture			■		■				■			■
Specimens: 3 lyophilized samples. Brief case histories also given. The samples include moulds, dermatophytes and yeasts.			Examinations: Culture and identification. Antimicrobial susceptibility testing of yeast strains.									

Microbiology » Parasitology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	NEW
5472 <i>Giardia</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , nucleic acid detection				■						■			
Specimens: 3 lyophilized samples			Examinations: Detection of <i>Giardia lamblia</i> and/or <i>Cryptosporidium</i> nucleic acid.										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	POCT
5430 Malaria, antigen detection		■			■			■				■	
Specimens: 3 whole blood samples			Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites										
Examinations: Antigen detection. Target antigens: HRP2 and/or pLDH and/or aldolase.													

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5460 Parasites in blood, Giemsa stain		■			■			■				■
Specimens: 2 Giemsa stained smears. Brief case histories are also given. Authentic samples.			Examinations: Screening and identification of malaria plasmodia and other blood parasites									

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5461 Parasites in blood, May-Grünwald-Giemsa stain		■			■			■				■
Specimens: 2 MGG stained smears. Brief case histories are also given. Authentic samples.			Examinations: Screening and identification of malaria plasmodia and other blood parasites									

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	VIRTUAL
5470 Parasites in blood, Giemsa stain, virtual microscopy										■			
Specimens: Virtual whole slide images of Giemsa stained smears prepared by using a scanner microscope. Authentic samples.			Examinations: Screening and identification of malaria plasmodia and other blood parasites										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	VIRTUAL
5471 Parasites in blood, May-Grünwald-Giemsa stain, virtual microscopy										■			
Specimens: Virtual whole slide images of MGG stained smears prepared by using a scanner microscope. Brief case histories are also given. Authentic samples.			Examinations: Screening and identification of malaria plasmodia and other blood parasites										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5440 Parasites in faeces		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 3 stool samples in formalin. Brief case histories also given.	Examinations: Screening and identification of intestinal parasites (ova and parasites)											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5450 Parasites in faeces, virtual microscopy				■						■		
Specimens: Virtual whole slide images of stool samples in formalin prepared by using a scanner microscope. Brief case histories also given.	Examinations: Screening and identification of intestinal parasites (ova and parasites)											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5420 Toxoplasma, antibodies		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, 0.7 mL each. Brief case histories also given. Authentic commutable samples: Each sample batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: IgA, IgG and IgM antibodies, avidity and clinical interpretation											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5474 <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>, antigen detection				■						■		
Specimens: 3 artificial samples Examinations: Detection of <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> antigen	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5473 <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>, nucleic acid detection				■						■		
Specimens: 3 lyophilized samples	Examinations: Detection of <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> nucleic acid (NAT)											

Microbiology » Virology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5650 Cytomegalovirus, antibodies		■			■				■			■
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0.7 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: Cytomegalovirus IgG, IgM and total antibodies, IgG avidity and clinical interpretation											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5635 Dengue virus, antibodies				■					■			
Specimens: 3 human serum or plasma samples, 0.5 mL each. Authentic, commutable samples from a single human donor or occasionally simulated samples.	Examinations: Dengue virus IgG and IgM antibodies, Dengue virus antigen (NS1) and clinical interpretation											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5640 EBV mononucleosis, heterophile antibodies		■			■				■			■
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: MonAb, heterophile antibodies Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5641 EBV mononucleosis, specific antibodies		■			■				■			■
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, 1.4 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: EBNAAb, EBVAb, EBVAbG, EBVAbM, EBVAvi and clinical interpretation.											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5092 Hepatitis A, antibodies			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0.6 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: HAVAb, HAVAbM, HAVAbG and clinical interpretation											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5094–5096 Hepatitis B and C, serology, specimen volume 0.6 mL / 1.2 mL / 2.0 mL			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, 0.6 / 1.2 or 2.0 mL. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Volume specific product codes: 5094: for 0.6 mL human plasma specimens 5095: for 1.2 mL human plasma specimens 5096: for 2.0 mL human plasma specimens											
Examinations: HBcAb, HBcAbM, HBeAb, HBeAg, HBsAb (qual), HBsAg, HCVAb, HCVAbCt and clinical interpretation												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5093 Hepatitis B, s-antigen antibodies, quantitative	■			■			■			■		
Specimens: 2 liquid human plasma or serum samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: HBsAb (anti-HBs), quantitative											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5679 Hepatitis B virus, nucleic acid detection (DNA)					■					■		
Specimens: 3 lyophilized or liquid plasma samples, ≥ 1.2 mL each	Notes: Delivered together with schemes 5678 and 5680											
Examinations: HBV DNA, quantitative and/or qualitative nucleic acid detection												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5678 Hepatitis C virus, nucleic acid detection (RNA)					■					■		
Specimens: 3 lyophilized or liquid plasma samples, ≥ 1.2 mL each	Notes: Delivered together with schemes 5679 and 5680											
Examinations: HCV RNA, quantitative and/or qualitative nucleic acid detection												

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5682 Hepatitis E, antibodies										■		
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0,5 mL each. Authentic commutable specimens.	Examinations: Hepatitis E virus IgG and IgM antibodies and clinical interpretation.											

NEW

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5555 Herpes simplex 1 and 2, antibodies		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma or serum samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: HSV IgG (qualitative/quantitative), HSV IgM, HSV-1 IgG, HSV-2 IgG and total antibodies											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5091 HIV, antibodies			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 4 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0.7 mL each	Examinations: HIVAgAb (combo), HIVAb, HIVAbCt: primary and confirmatory tests, clinical interpretation. Positive specimens may include HIV-1 or HIV-2.											

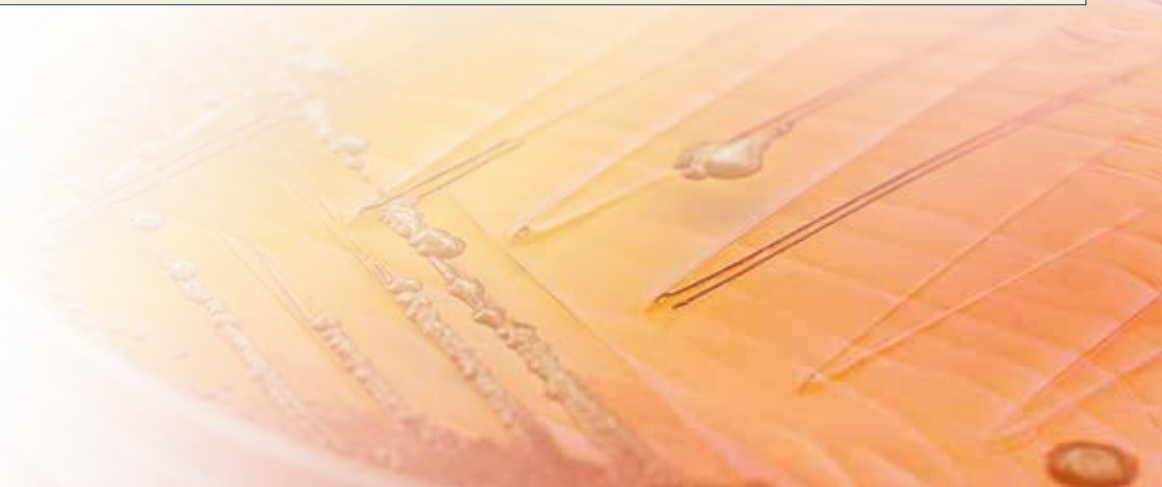
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5090 HIV, antibodies, POCT			■			■			■			■
Specimens: 3–4 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each Examinations: HIVAb and HIVAgAb primary tests (POCT)	Notes: Scheme 5091 is for clinical laboratories											

POCT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5680 HIV, nucleic acid detection (RNA)					■					■		
Specimens: 3 lyophilized or liquid plasma samples, ≥ 1.2 mL each	Notes: Delivered together with schemes 5678 and 5679											
Examinations: HIV RNA, quantitative and/or qualitative nucleic acid detection												

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	5089 Human T-cell lymphotropic virus, antibodies		■			■			■			■	
	Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: HTLVAb: primary and confirmatory tests. Positive samples may include HTLV-1 or HTLV-2.											
NEW	5670 Influenza virus A+B and RS virus, nucleic acid detection	■										■	
	Specimens: 5 artificial samples, ≥ 0,5 mL each	Examinations: InfANAT, InfBNAT, RSVNAT											
POCT	5671 Influenza virus A+B, antigen detection	■										■	
	Specimens: 3 artificial samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each Examinations: InfAAG, InfABAg, InfBAG	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											
	5668 Measles virus, antibodies	■			■			■			■		
	Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: Measles virus IgG and IgM antibodies and clinical interpretation											
	5669 Mumps virus, antibodies	■			■			■			■		
	Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: Mumps virus IgG and IgM antibodies and clinical interpretation											
NEW	5675 Norovirus, nucleic acid detection			■			■			■			■
	Specimens: 3 simulated samples, ≥ 0,5 mL each	Examinations: Norovirus NAT, genogroups GI and GII											
	5660 Parvovirus B19, antibodies		■			■			■			■	
	Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma or serum samples, ≥ 0.4 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: Parvovirus IgG, IgM and total antibodies, IgG avidity and clinical interpretation											
POCT	5560 Puumala virus, antibodies			■			■				■		■
	Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma or serum samples, ≥ 0.3 mL each. Brief case histories are also provided.	Examinations: Puumala virus IgG, IgM and total antibodies, POC tests and specific antibodies, IgG avidity and clinical interpretation Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											
	5098 Rotavirus and adenovirus, antigen detection			■			■			■			■
	Specimens: 3 faecal suspensions	Examinations: Rotavirus and adenovirus antigen detection											
POCT	5672 RS virus, antigen detection	■										■	
	Specimens: 3 artificial samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each Examinations: RSVAg	Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											
	5667 Rubella virus, antibodies	■			■			■			■		
	Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: Rubella virus IgG and IgM antibodies, IgG avidity and clinical interpretation											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5099 Tick-borne encephalitis virus, antibodies		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma or serum samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: TBE IgG, IgM, total antibodies and clinical interpretation Notes: For clinical laboratories and POCT sites											
	POCT											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5665 Varicella-zoster virus, antibodies		■			■			■			■	
Specimens: 3 liquid human plasma or serum samples, ≥ 0.5 mL each. Authentic commutable samples: each batch originates from a single human donor.	Examinations: Varicella zoster IgG, IgM, total antibodies and clinical interpretation											



EQA schemes including **Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing**

Bacteriology and mycology

- 5100 Blood culture
- 5260 Fungal culture
- 5080 General Bacteriology 1
- 5081 General Bacteriology 2
- 5120 *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (Gc), culture and susceptibility testing
- 5073 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, gramnegative rods
- 5071 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, MRSA
- 5072 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, VRE
- 5065 Urine culture, quantitative screening, identification and susceptibility

EQA schemes suitable for **direct nucleic acid testing methods**

Bacteriology

- 5612 *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* nucleic acid detection
- 5201 *Clostridium difficile*, nucleic acid detection
- 5191 Faecal bacterial pathogens, nucleic acid detection
- 5221 Mycobacterial nucleic acid detection and stain
- 5593 *Streptococcus* group A, nucleic acid detection
- 5594 *Streptococcus* group B (GBS), detection
- 5071 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, MRSA
- 5072 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, VRE
- 5073 Surveillance culture for multidrug resistant bacteria, gramnegative rods

Parasitology

- 5472 *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*, nucleic acid detection
- 5473 *Trichomonas vaginalis*, nucleic acid detection

Virology

- 5679 Hepatitis B virus, nucleic acid detection (DNA)
- 5678 Hepatitis C virus, nucleic acid detection (RNA)
- 5680 HIV, nucleic acid detection (RNA)
- 5670 Influenza virus A+B and RS virus, nucleic acid detection
- 5675 Norovirus, nucleic acid detection

Pathology

Six high quality schemes are available for pathology laboratories. With changing topics of the rounds, both the routine and more advanced needs are covered. The challenges are realistic and include also the less commonly encountered clinically relevant cases. In the cytology and histopathology schemes virtual microscopy is used. With this technology, viewing of several fields of vision and levels of focus are enabled on a computer screen simulating analysis with an optical microscope.

Pathology » Diagnostics

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
VIRTUAL			■									
6700 Gynaecological cytology (smear), virtual microscopy												
Specimens: Virtual images of at least 5 Papanicolaou stained slides of conventional pap smear samples. The samples are selected from routine cytological material. Diagnostics of cellular atypias in samples taken from	gynaecological loci is assessed. Brief case histories and instructions are provided.											
	Examinations: Observations and diagnoses											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
VIRTUAL					■							
6701 Gynaecological cytology (liquid based), virtual microscopy												
Specimens: Virtual images of at least 5 Papanicolaou stained slides of liquid based pap samples (ThinPrep). Diagnostics of cellular atypias in samples taken from	gynaecological loci is assessed. Brief case histories and instructions are provided.											
	Examinations: Observations and diagnoses											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
VIRTUAL										■		
6702 Non-gynaecological cytology, virtual microscopy												
Specimens: Virtual images of Papanicolaou stained slides of non-gynaecological cytosentrifuge or smear preparations or May-Grünwald-Giemsa stained smears. Images of at least 5 cases from representative loci. Brief case histories and instructions are provided.												
	Examinations: Observations and diagnoses											
	Notes: Topics may vary annually											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
VIRTUAL		■			■				■			
6542 Histopathology, virtual microscopy												
Topics in 2017: Feb: Autopsy, May: Brain tumours (delivered if at least 20 participants order the round), Sep: Respiratory tract												
Specimens: Virtual images of at least 5 slides of miscellaneous tissue. Brief case histories and instructions are provided.												
	Examinations: Observations and diagnoses											
	Notes: Topics may vary annually											

Pathology » Technology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				■				■				
6543 Histological staining techniques												
Topics in 2017: Apr: PAS, E-PAS, Aug: HE, Masson's trichrome stain												
Specimens: Paraffin sections or smears												
	Examinations: Staining of the slides. A set of stained slides is returned to Labquality for evaluation by an expert board.											
	Notes: Stains vary annually											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				■					■		■	
6600, 6600S Immunohistochemical staining methods												
Topics in 2017: Apr: TTF1, BEREP-4 (Ep-CAM), CK7, CK20, calretinin (unknown pulmonary tumour), Sep: ER, PR, Ki-67, HER2 (IHC), P63/Calponin (breast cancer), Nov: CD4, CD8, CD79a, CD138, MUM1 (lymphoma)												
Specimens: Paraffin embedded tissue from different tissue blocks or from one multiblock												
	Examinations: Staining of the slides. A set of stained slides is returned to Labquality for evaluation by an expert board.											
	Notes: Changes in frequency, antibodies and sample type. Three rounds with distinct topics available annually. Multiblock samples are now included. Participants can select 3 or 5 antibodies of their choice in each round (6600S for 3 antibodies, 6600 for 5).											

Preanalytics

The preanalytical schemes provide laboratories and POCT sites with tools for extending quality assurance beyond the commonly assessed analytical phase. As a result of the improved analytical quality, most errors have been suggested to now occur in the preanalytical phase. Managing all phases of the total testing cycle is equally important to ensure patient safety.

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7800 Preanalytics, clinical chemistry		■							■			
Specimens: 3 cases with preanalytical error(s)												
Examinations: Laboratories are asked to find preanalytical error(s) in the cases												
Notes: The scheme is intended for clinical chemistry laboratories. Scheme is carried out online.												

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7802 Preanalytics, microbiology				■							■	
Specimens: 3 cases with preanalytical error(s)												
Examinations: Participants are asked to find preanalytical error(s) in the cases												
Notes: The scheme is intended for all laboratory staff of clinical microbiology laboratories. Scheme is carried out online.												

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7801 Preanalytics, phlebotomy			■									
Specimens: 3 cases with preanalytical error(s)												
Examinations: Participants are asked to find preanalytical error(s) in the cases												
Notes: The scheme is intended for personnel performing blood sample collection (phlebotomy). Scheme is carried out online.												

POCT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7804 Preanalytics, POCT										■		
Specimens: 3 cases with preanalytical error(s)												
Examinations: Participants are asked to find preanalytical error(s) in the cases												
Notes: The scheme is intended for personnel using POCT tests and devices. Scheme is carried out online.												

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Others

Others » Andrology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6400 Semen analysis										■		
Specimens: 3–6 digital videos and/or digital images. Examinations: Concentration, morphology and motility	Notes: Scheme is carried out online											

Others » Genetics

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3865 DNA analysis [EQUALIS]			■							■		
Specimens: Whole blood or extracted DNA. Blank samples (water) are sometimes included.	Examinations: DNA-Apolipoprotein E genotype, DNA-Factor 2 (F2) g.20210G>A, DNA-Factor 5 (F5) c.1691G>A, DNA-Hemochromatosis (HFE) c.187C>G; c.845G>A, DNA-Lactase gene (LCT) g.13910C>T, DNA-Methylene tetrahydrofolate reductase (MTHFR) c.677C>T; c.1298A>C											

Others » Laboratory instruments

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8814 ELISA reader photometry control [DEKS]	Circulation starts in March											
Specimens: An ELISA-plate with built-in gray glass filters Examinations: Control for the absorbance scale in ELISA reader	Notes: Absorbance traceable to NIST Control of the absorbance scale of ELISA readers											

Others » Veterinary EQA

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8610 Veterinary basic blood count			■							■		
Specimens: 2 animal blood cell suspensions. Species vary from round to round.	Examinations: Most common examinations in use											

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8530 Veterinary basic chemistry				■							■	
Specimens: 2 animal serum samples. Species vary from round to round.	Examinations: Most common examinations in use											

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