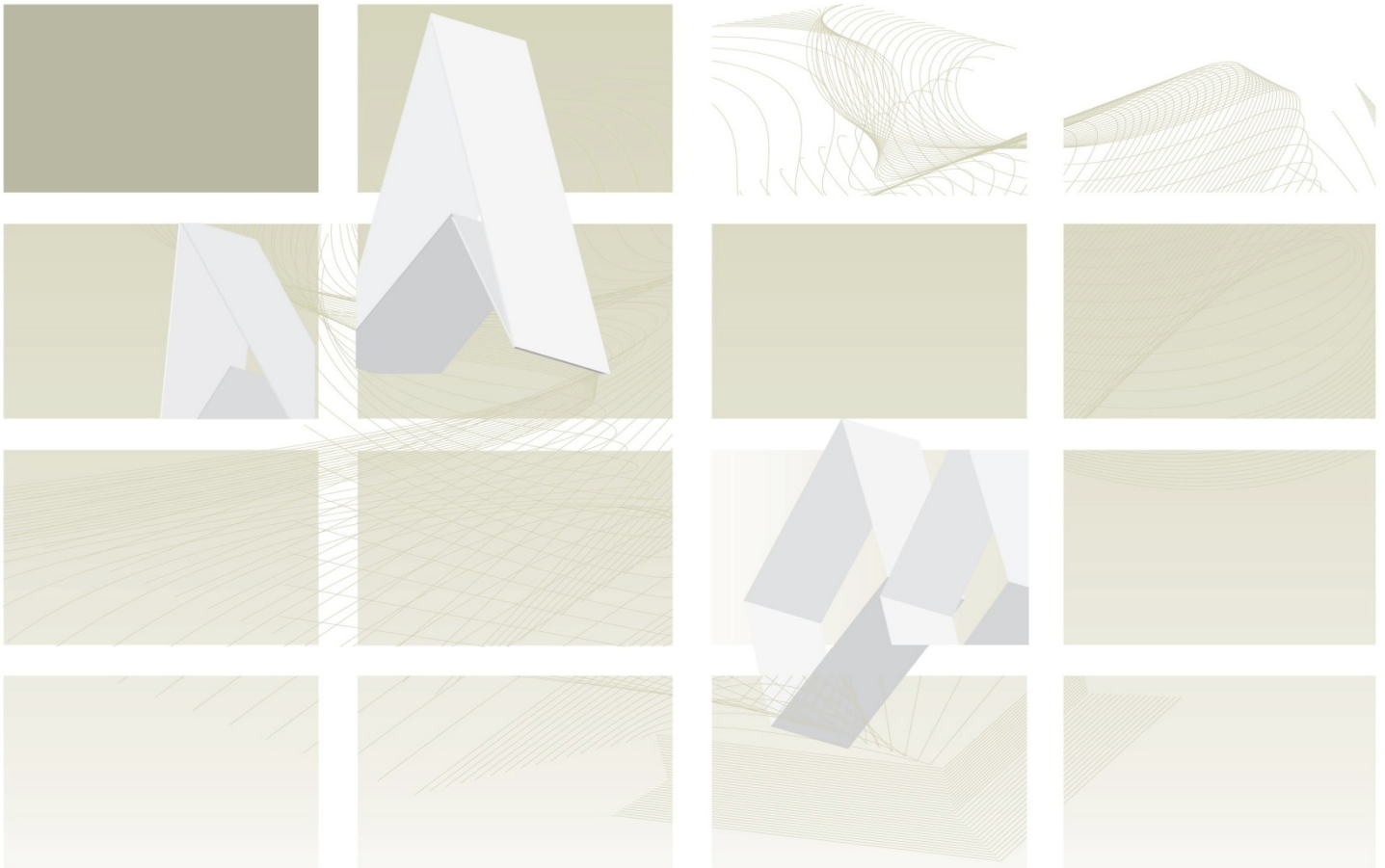




UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations

Review of Users' Comments received by
Working Group for Bacteriological Identification and Test
Procedures

ID 8 Identification of *Clostridium* species



Recommendations are listed as ACCEPT/ PARTIAL ACCEPT/DEFER/ NONE or PENDING

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PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES

Comment Number	1		
Date Received	26/09/2012	Lab Name	Anaerobe Reference Unit, Public Health Wales Microbiology, Cardiff
Section	Various		
Comment			
<p>a. P9.Introduction, Taxonomy: 'As a result ...none of which appear to be relevant to human infections.' Questionable statement. While not implicated in 'classical' clostridial diseases, many spp. are relevant in bacteremias and wound infections.</p> <p>b. P10. Principles of ID, P16. Referrals. Should 'Food Safety Microbiology Laboratory' read 'Food Pathogens Reference Unit'?</p> <p>c. P13. Storage and Referral. '...Pure isolate in FAB or RCM...' Please add 'or inoculated onto a transport swab'.</p> <p>d. P16. Referrals. Please amend 'NPHS Microbiology Cardiff' to 'Public Health Wales Microbiology'.</p> <p>e. P14. Flowchart. <i>C. novyi</i> type A is indole variable so should be listed additionally under 'Indole positive, Urease negative' (lower left of chart).</p>			
Evidence			
<p>a. Twenty years experience of referrals to ARU (ARU unpublished data)</p> <p>c. ARU user manual</p> <p>d. Change of organisation name</p> <p>e. ARU records. Bergey's Manual</p>			
Recommended Action	<p>a. ACCEPT This has been amended accordingly and taxonomy updated.</p> <p>b. ACCEPT This has been amended.</p> <p>c. ACCEPT This has been updated with the statement "If further identification is required, refer to the appropriate reference laboratory user manual for details on referral".</p> <p>d. ACCEPT This has been amended.</p> <p>e. ACCEPT</p>		

	The flowchart has been updated and is more informative. The flowchart indicates that <i>C. novyi</i> type A is indole variable but usually indole negative.
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Comment Number	2		
Date Received	08/10/2012	Lab Name	York Hospital
Section	Referral medium		
Comment			
This SOP states referral of organism should be in cooked meat or on Robinson's Broth. I was told by the reference laboratory to send the isolate on swab.			
Evidence			
We have been sending isolates on swabs which have been accepted by reference lab which in fact was their suggestion.			
Recommended Action	ACCEPT This has been updated with the statement "If further identification is required, refer to the appropriate reference laboratory user manual for details on referral".		