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UK NEQAS Virus Identification Scheme Scoring

Scoring for the Virus Identification scheme, approved by the National Quality Assurance Advisory Panel for Medical Microbiology

Adenovirus (type not required)		Cytomegalovirus	
Correct type or untyped	2	Correct	2
Wrong type	1		
Echovirus (type not required)		Influenza A virus	
Correct type or untyped	2	Correct	2
Enterovirus (not poliovirus or referred)	2	Influenza virus	1
Enterovirus (not referred)	2, 1*	Influenza B virus	
Wrong type	1	Correct	2
Coxsackievirus	0	Influenza virus	1
Picornaviridae	0		
Coxsackie virus (group and type not required)		Parainfluenza virus type X (type required)	
Correct type or untyped	2	Correct type	2
Enterovirus (not poliovirus or referred)	2	Untyped	1
Enterovirus (not referred)	2, 1*	Wrong type	-1
Wrong type	1	Mumps/Measles virus	
Echovirus	0	Correct	2
Picornaviridae	0	Paramyxovirus	1
Rhinovirus (type not required)		Respiratory Syncytial Virus	
Correct type or untyped	2	Correct	2
Wrong type or enterovirus	1		
Coxsackievirus or echovirus	0	In addition to the categories listed all reports are scored as follows:	
Picornaviridae	0	Unidentified agent	0
Herpes Simplex Virus type 1 or 2		Named virus other than that specified	-1
Correct type	2	Correct virus + an additional pathogen	-1
Untyped	1	No virus (for positive specimens)	0
Wrong type	0	No virus (for negative specimens)	2
Varicella Zoster Virus			
Correct	2		

* In compliance with QSOP31 "Surveillance of polio in UK":

<http://www.hpa-standardmethods.org.uk/documents/qsop/pdf/qsop31.pdf>

all laboratories should exclude Poliovirus or refer any Enterovirus isolate/RNA/cDNA to the Enteric Unit ERNVL (Cfl Colindale) when isolated from a CSF sample and/or if clinical details indicate paralytic symptoms or neurological conditions and/or if the patient has recently been in an endemic region. Participants who do not exclude Poliovirus or do not refer will receive a score of 1 (approved by the National Quality Assurance Advisory Panel for Medical Microbiology, effective from November 2009). This is the only case where referral will affect participants' score.

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