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Review of Users' Comments received by
Joint Working Group for Syndromic Algorithms

S 3 Conjunctivitis



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1st Consultation: 28/12/2008 – 21/01/2009

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES

Comment Number	1		
Date Received	29/12/2008	Lab Name	North Bristol Trust
Section	page 5/8		
Comment			
<p>Column: 5 row 2: "Eye swab bacterial tests"</p> <p>This is not constant with the other boxes (especially column 4 row 2) and should read "Eye swab". Bacterial tests are not a sample type.</p> <p>Otherwise quite easy to understand!</p>			
Recommended Action	<p>ACCEPT</p> <p>SMI (formerly NSM) amended accordingly.</p>		

Comment Number	2		
Date Received	21/01/2015	Lab Name	Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital
Section			
Comment			
<p>I am not aware of any of the Chlamydia NAATs that are CE-marked for eyes. Similarly they will only detect <i>C. trachomatis</i> anyway and not <i>C. psittaci</i> or <i>C. pneumoniae</i>. Tests for Chlamydia should be by IF on an eye smear using a genus-specific Chlamydia reagent.</p>			
Recommended Action	<p>NONE</p> <p>The group is aware of the lack of CE marking on NAATs but the algorithm is reflective of lab practise.</p>		

2nd Consultation: 30/06/2009 – 31/07/2009

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES

Comment Number	1		
Date Received	24/01/2009	Lab Name	Scottish Mycobacterium Reference Lab
Section	All		
Comment			
<p>Conjunctivitis: is there not need for some guidance when/whether to take a swab ie help</p>			

differentiate allergic/infective. The algorithm implies that decision has already been made? Has an ophthalmology representative been involved?

Recommended Action

NONE

The decision has already been taken and an Ophthalmology representative has been involved.

Comment Number	2		
Date Received	24/07/2015	Lab Name	Imperial
Section	All		
Comment			
Re; Conjunctivitis What about contact lens associated infections and there is no mention of haemophilus.			
Recommended Action	NONE	All this information is contained within B 2, which is cross-referenced in this document.	