

Survey for Strep A Antigen Testing (STAA)

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Instructions for Use

Notes:

The controls do not contain human material, but other biological materials. Therefore, the usual precautions in the laboratory for potentially hazardous material apply for these samples. The samples should be handled by trained personnel only.

Various tasks of the proficiency testing scheme may occasionally be given over to qualified subcontractors. However, ESfEQA is responsible to the participants for the subcontractor's work.

Results from sample analysis may only be disclosed to colleagues from other laboratories after the testing period has been concluded.

By registering for and participating in this EQA participants agree to accept the general terms and conditions of ESfEQA GmbH. These can be retrieved online at www.esfefa.eu.

1. Intended Use

The samples are intended for use as qualitative control material for External Quality Assessment (EQA) in medical laboratories for the following parameter:

Strep A Antigen

2. Product Description

The samples simulate human specimens (e.g. pharyngeal swabs). Positive samples do not contain viable Strep A bacteria.

3. Storage and Stability

The samples should be stored upright at 2-8 °C. They are stable at least until the deadline for data submission as indicated on the sample labels.

4. Sample Preparation and Analysis

Remove the inoculated swab from the plastic tube and test the swabs like patient samples. Testing should be conducted according to the instructions of the reagent/instrument manufacturer.

5. Dates and Submission of Test Results

Testing Periods: Please refer to the sample labels. Results can be submitted anytime within the testing period indicated on the sample labels.

For the evaluation of survey results, please indicate the reagent and method used - indication of the instrument is optional - and submit your results electronically to ESfEQA at www.esfefa.eu.

Contact your local distributor of ESfEQA programs or ESfEQA directly if you need assistance for the registration, configuration and result submission in TEQA. Alternatively, though not preferred, use the result form provided on the ESfEQA website. In both cases indicate the reagent and method used for the analysis of the samples - indication of the instrument is optional.

In TEQA, all entries are confirmed by pressing the button "confirm". The successful transmission of the results is indicated by "data saved".

6. Deadline for Data Submission

The deadlines for submitting results are indicated on the sample labels (time zone GMT +1).

7. Reports and Certificates

The data will be evaluated by ESfEQA.

The individual laboratory reports and certificates can be retrieved online at <https://teqa.esfefa.eu>.