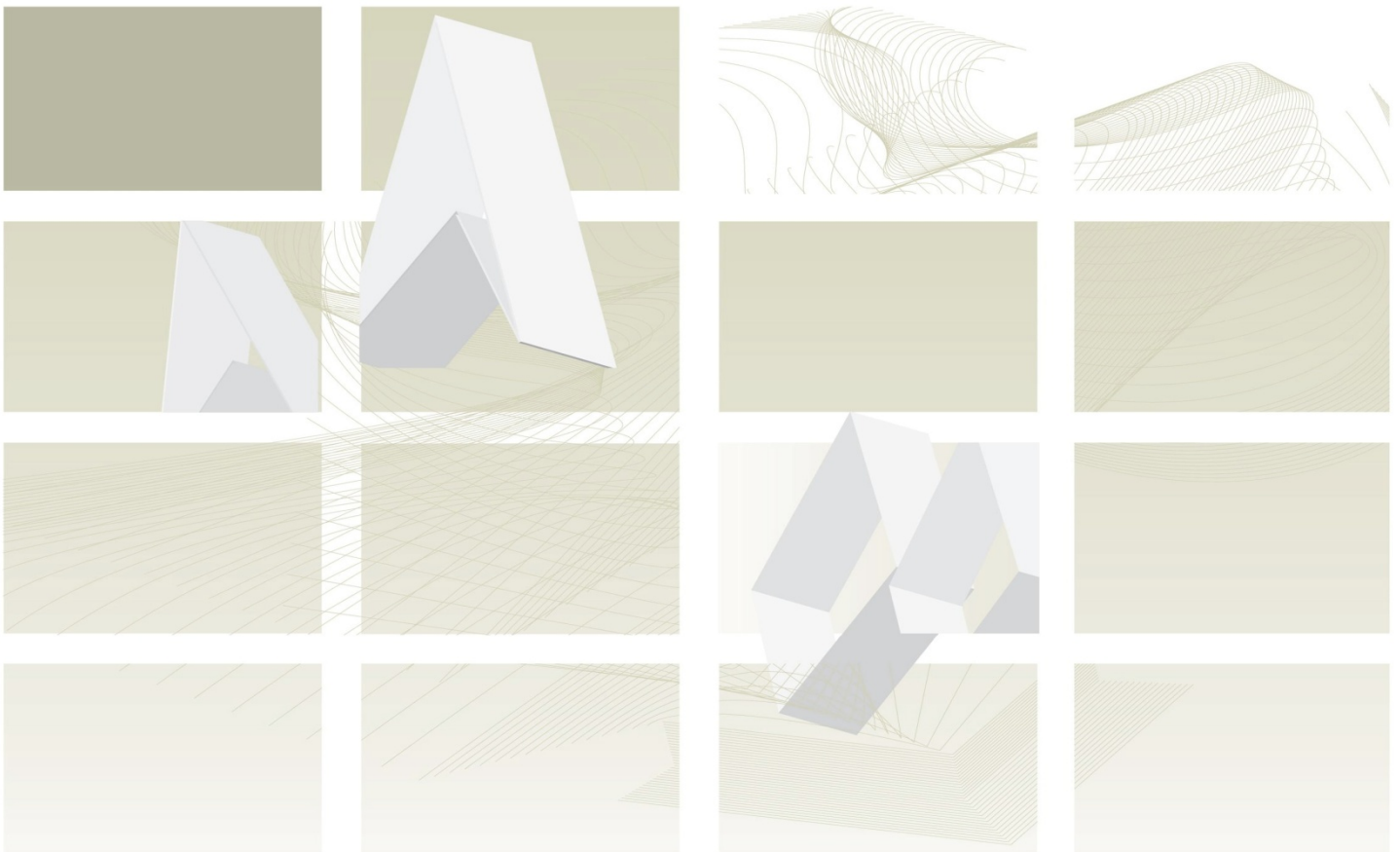




# UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations

**Review of Users' Comments** received by  
Working Group for Microbiology Standards in Clinical  
Virology/Serology

V 17 Isolation of Herpes Simplex Virus Associated with Herpes  
genitalis



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

Issued by the Standards Unit, Microbiology Services, PHE

RUC | V 17 | Issue no: 1 | Issue date: 03.02.14

Page: 1 of 2

## PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES

<b>Comment Number</b>	1		
<b>Date Received</b>	19/02/2007	<b>Lab Name</b>	Microbiology Dept, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital
<b>Section</b>	1.3, 2.1, 4.4.1		
<b>Comment</b>			
<p>a. Section 1.3: we feel that bullet point 4 should specify that a safety cabinet or goggles <b>MUST</b> be used when inoculating specimens/doing further work etc.</p> <p>b. Section 2.1: Swabs need to scrape the base of the lesion to obtain a good specimen.</p> <p>c. Section 4.4.1: When permissive cells are used for culture of specimens from HIV positive patients, tubes should only be opened in a safety cabinet at Containment Level 3 because of the potential possibility of also cultivating the HIV virus.</p>			
<b>Recommended Action</b>	<p><b>REJECT</b> SMI (formerly NSM) already includes enough safety information.</p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b> SMI (formerly NSM) amended.</p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b> SMI (formerly NSM) amended.</p>		