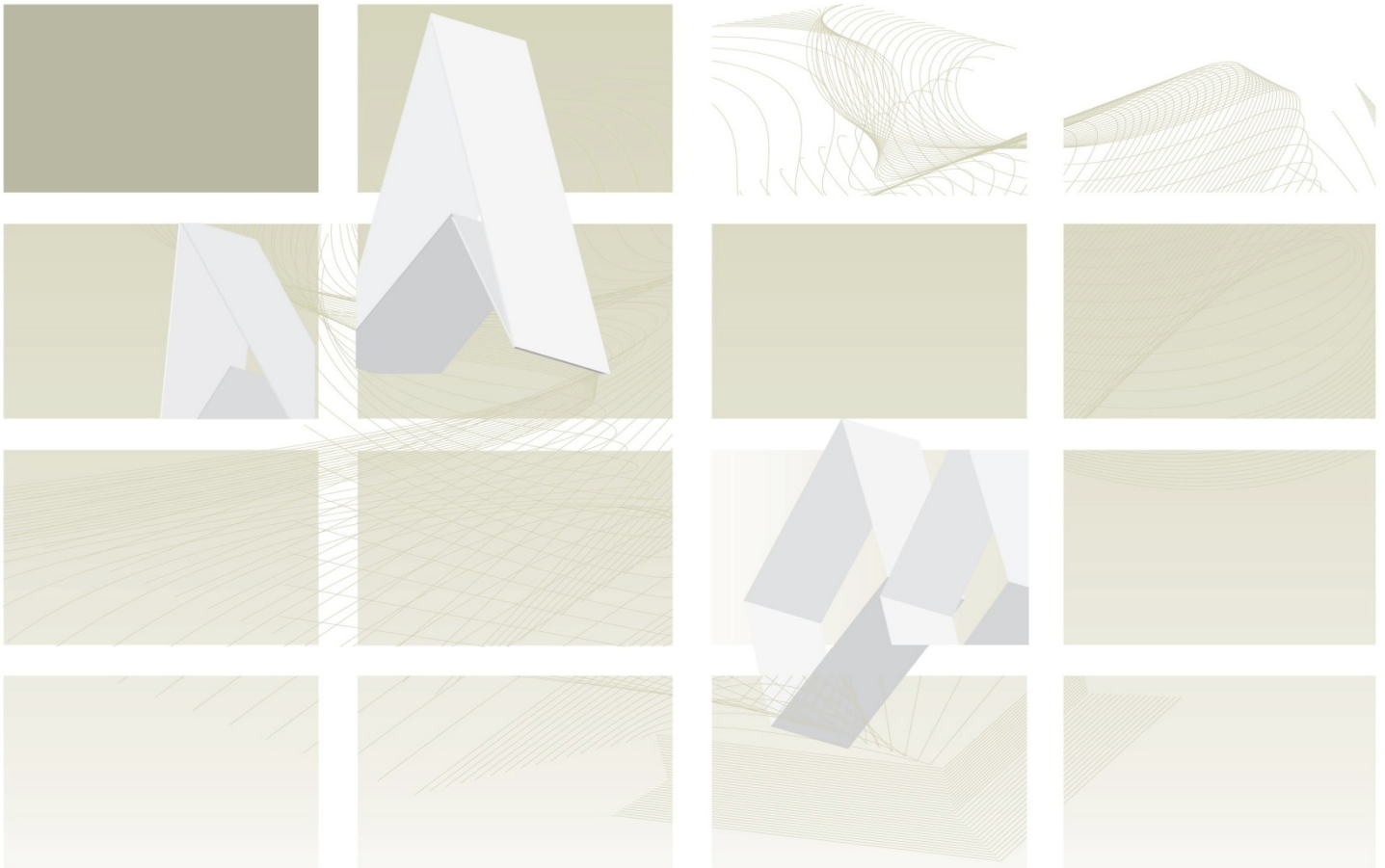




# UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations

**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**

<b>Comment Number</b>	1		
<b>Date Received</b>	26/09/2012	<b>Lab Name</b>	Anaerobe Reference Unit, Public Health Wales Microbiology, Cardiff
<b>Section</b>	Various		
<b>Comment</b>			
<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>			
<b>Evidence</b>			
<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a. Twenty years experience of referrals to ARU (ARU unpublished data)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>			
<b>Recommended Action</b>	<p>a. <b>ACCEPT</b> This has been amended accordingly and taxonomy updated.</p> <p>b. <b>ACCEPT</b> This has been amended.</p> <p>c. <b>ACCEPT</b> 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. <b>ACCEPT</b> This has been amended.</p> <p>e. <b>ACCEPT</b></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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<b>Comment Number</b>	2		
<b>Date Received</b>	08/10/2012	<b>Lab Name</b>	York Hospital
<b>Section</b>	Referral medium		
<b>Comment</b>			
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.			
<b>Evidence</b>			
We have been sending isolates on swabs which have been accepted by reference lab which in fact was their suggestion.			
<b>Recommended Action</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b> This has been updated with the statement "If further identification is required, refer to the appropriate reference laboratory user manual for details on referral".		