



**UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations: National user manual, urine tests
Consultation Number 75/16**

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Response- online- content as below- in any other comments

5. Is the template populated with enough/right kind of information for the examples used?

Yes

6. Do you think that there is too much information in the document?

No

7. What advantages does the syndromic approach have over the sample type approach and vice versa?

N/A

8. Syndromic

Sample

Both

☐ Hybrid

8. Overall, which approach would be most useful for your users?

9. Does seeing a worked example help you know how best to use the User Manual Template?

Yes

10. Would you prefer to see the syndrome/sample specific information as a separate section within individual UK SMI (if this initiative is taken forward)?

A mixture of both or a hybrid is useful

11. Any other comments you wish to make

- There is no mention of the importance of healthcare workers undertaking standard precautions when collecting urine samples. I think this should be included as they mention infection prevention and the importance of ample collection but don't really tie the two together.
- There needs to be a link in with the AMR work primarily the target toolkit <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/toolkits/target-antibiotics-toolkit.aspx> and the CMO's five year forward work https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244058/20130902_UK_5_year_AMR_strategy.pdf and the Start Smart then focus work by PHE.

12. Evidence

RCN (2012) Essential Practice for Infection Control

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244058/20130902_UK_5_year_AMR_strategy.pdf

Start Smart and Focus

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