



# Microbiology News

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From left to right: Jennifer Poyner, George Trafford, Marina Morgan, Robert Porter, Cressida Auckland

## Dr Victoria Manning - Microbiology GPwSI

Since January 2018 I have been working part-time in the Microbiology Department as part of the team. My role involves answering GP queries, Advice and Guidance and dealing with GP results and lab queries



As part of my role I try to also provide a primary care perspective to improve the service we provide and as a department we are always interested to hear from GP's and other health professionals in Primary Care to see how we can further improve our service

I also work part-time as a salaried GP at Wonford Green Surgery

## Meet The Consultant Team!

### Jennifer Poyner

CCG community infection and antimicrobial stewardship lead with special interest in HaemOnc, urine infection and urology. Laboratory lead

### George Trafford

Infectious disease and sepsis lead with special interest in TB, orthopaedics, medicine and general surgery

### Marina Morgan

Antimicrobial stewardship lead with special interest in specialist surgery and women's health

### Rob Porter

Joint Director of Infection and Prevention Control, research lead with special interest in faecal transplants

### Cressida Auckland

Head of Department and Pathology Clinical Lead with special interest in paediatrics, Cystic fibrosis and genitourinary medicine

## Laboratory processing changes from 1st April

### Urine Samples

Urine samples will all have direct culture, a change from microscopy followed by selective culture. This is more time efficient, saves plastic waste and still provides culture results. Remember to use boric acid containers unless very small sample volume available



### Vaginal Swabs

Vaginal swabs will no longer be routinely tested for bacterial vaginosis (BV) and Trichomoas vaginalis (TV). These tests can be specifically requested if clinically suspected

## Guidelines

A reminder that urine dipstick should not be used in >65 year olds – check the PHE/NICE guidelines on UTI diagnosis/management

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/urinary-tract-infection-diagnosis>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/conditions-and-diseases/urological-conditions/urinary-tract-infection/products?ProductType=Guidance&Status=Published>

## Monkeypox in our region – Would you recognise it?

2018 saw the first imported cases and in November 2019 it appeared again in the South West Region. Cases are notifiable to PHE and there significant infection control implication as well as consideration of vaccination of contacts. PHE have produced a Monkeypox page which provides additional useful information and guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/monkeypox> including a page for primary care



## IT

GP order comms is live and hopefully working well for you. The aim is to get 100% samples requested using this method with certificates and prizes for the best GP surgeries. This method of ordering makes the booking in of samples efficient and ensures clinical details are easily read

Whilst on the topic of IT, are you aware of MyCare? A new electronic patient record system (EPR) being implemented at RD&E in June. As well as EPR, the new system covers laboratories and pharmacy. This should not affect GP orders/results but please be aware of the pressures the change will have on the laboratories, especially over the 'go live' period

### GP Ordercomms Roll Out

<u>Live Surgeries</u>	<u>Compliance %</u>		<u>Future Roll Out Dates</u>
Axminster Medical Practice	81.60%	30/01/2020	Westbank Practice
Bow Medical Practice	100%	04/02/2020	Imperial Surgery
Bramblehaies Surgery	87%	05/02/2020	Topsham Surgery
Budleigh Salterton Medical Practice	55.60%	11/02/2020	Moretonhampstead Health Centre
Chagford Health Centre	83.30%	12/02/2020	New Valley Surgery
Chiddenbrook Surgery	75%	25/02/2020	Wonford Green Surgery
Claremont Medical Practice	77.30%	26/02/2020	Hill Barton Surgery
Coleridge Medical Centre	No data	03/03/2020	South Lawn Medical Practice
Heavitree Practice	100%	05/03/2020	Foxhayes Practice
Honiton Surgery	No data	10/03/2020	College Surgery
Ide Lane Surgery	85.70%	11/03/2020	Sampford Peverell Surgery
Isca Medical Practice	75%	17/03/2020	St Thomas Medical Group
Mount Pleasant Health Centre	76.90%	24/03/2020	Woodbury Surgery
Okehampton Medical Centre	86.50%	25/03/2020	Seaton & Colyton Medical Practice
Pinhoe Surgery	No data	03/04/2020	Witheridge Medical Practice
Rolle Medical Partnership	No data	14/04/2020	Amicus Health
The Whipton Surgery	92.90%	15/04/2020	Barnfield Hill Surgery
Townsend House Medical Centre	No data	22/04/2020	St Leonards Practice

There are temporary issues with serology requesting on ICE. Until this issue is resolved, use the option for generic serology and type the required test in the clinical details

For queries with ICE please contact Chris Carr on [ccarr5@nhs.net](mailto:ccarr5@nhs.net) or 07880462741

## Finally...

We encourage you to use our email clinical advice and results service, where we aim to respond the same day [rde-tr.MicroConsultants@nhs.net](mailto:rde-tr.MicroConsultants@nhs.net)

We will of course still accept phone calls if you are with a patient and require immediate advice

Dr Cressida Auckland

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