

C-Reactive Protein (CRP) & Procalcitonin (PCT)

Accreditation Status:	UKAS Schedule of Accreditation												
Date Scheme started:	1982												
Clinical Applicability:	Monitoring of the acute phase response												
Analytes:	CRP (SER/014) Procalcitonin (SER/061)												
Units for Reporting:	mg/L CRP, ng/mL PCT												
Samples Distributed:	Liquid format. Normal and pathological human serum Additional materials may be produced for specific recovery experiments by the addition of purified CRP to an analyte-free serum matrix												
Number of Distributions per year:	12												
Number of Samples per Distribution:	2												
Frequency of Distributions:	Every month as outlined in the Distribution Schedule												
Schedule of Analysis:	Data entry is via the web for the submission of results. Data analysis is commenced 14 days after sample dispatch. Late returns are accepted and will contribute to the laboratory's cumulative performance statistics												
Data Analysis:	All Laboratory Trimmed Mean (ALTM) with truncation at 2SD, SD, and CV%. Reports also show method specific statistics. Individual laboratory performance is expressed in terms of MRBIS, SDBIS, and MRVIS Chosen Coefficient of Variation for C-Reactive protein is 8% Chosen Coefficient of Variation for Procalcitonin is 20%												
Performance Scoring:	MRVIS												
Criteria of Performance:	Laboratory performance is classified in terms of the MRVIS over a running analytical window of 12 Distributions (12 months) <table><tr><td>Ideal</td><td>MRVIS</td><td><50</td></tr><tr><td>Good</td><td></td><td>50 - 100</td></tr><tr><td>Adequate</td><td></td><td>101 - 200</td></tr><tr><td>Poor</td><td></td><td>>200 or SDBIS >200</td></tr></table>	Ideal	MRVIS	<50	Good		50 - 100	Adequate		101 - 200	Poor		>200 or SDBIS >200
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Persistent Poor Performance:	Defined as being in the Poor Performance category for two or more successive Distributions												