

7.7 Action card – Suspected HCID ongoing management - Laboratory Senior BMS

Senior Laboratory Biomedical Scientist

Responsible for: Safe handling of laboratory specimens and performing testing within scope

Situation: You have been informed that a patient assessed as suspected High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) is to have specimens delivered for testing, and/or may have specimens already in the laboratory

Actions (all must be performed)	Notes	Done
Follow your lab SOP for handling and testing of specimens from the HCID in question		
If you feel that you cannot safely do a test that has been requested then inform the Microbiology Consultant on Duty.	Note that testing of blood for Malaria is within scope of Raigmore and RGH labs for these samples	
Inform your specimen reception that any further specimens from this patient arriving in reception should be treated as HCID		
Check if any specimens from this patient within the infectious period are currently within your lab and manage appropriately		
Check if any specimens from this patient within the infectious period have been sent from your lab to another lab, and if so inform lead BMS in receiving lab		