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NATIONAL MICROBIOLOGICAL LABORATORY REPORTING SERVICE

BULLETIN 4

11-24 February 1977

Welcome to the first report of the Service. It has been given number 4 because it relates to fortnightly period number 4. We hope to issue Bulletins 1 to 3 later when you can send us the data.

Logistics

Forms have gone to the printer, and should be distributed in the second half of March. Until they arrive, would you please continue to use photocopies of the sample form sent to you.

There is clearly going to be a problem with the post. At the time this note is written (early morning, Friday 4 March) forms had been received from -

- ICPMR (on 1 March)
- RAHC (on 2 March)
- Fairfield (on 3 March)

All these envelopes were postmarked 25 February. Any later returns will be reflected in the single table that we are producing this fortnight.

Notes on completing the forms

New problems not disclosed by the field trials have occurred, and doubtless will continue to do so for a while. Would you please note the following:

1. WHO has not yet given us any laboratory serial numbers. Would you please give the laboratory name (abbreviation will do) on each form until we have this.

2. Please give a laboratory serial number or any other reference that will enable us to check things by phone.
3. Where you have a special clinic patient number instead of a name, please leave the coding boxes for names blank, but write the number against the name.
4. Where you have an age but no date of birth, please state this on the form but leave the coding boxes blank. We will code an inputted date of birth.
5. Two source tissue codes were left off the covering information sent to you:
 - GE genital swab
 - BR bronchial washings or expirate
6. Where date of collection is not available, please give date of receipt of specimen instead.
7. We are writing to WHO for codes for a few viruses not allowed for in their present classification - e.g., Sabin poliovirus. Until they reply, please leave uncodable forms blank at the code for viruses.
8. The same virus isolated tissue from one patient but with different source tissues and techniques merits one form only.

Late news

Forms from IMVS and Prince Henry Hospital received a.m. 4 March.

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VIRUS OR VIRAL ANTIGEN	ICPMR	FAIRFIELD	RAHC	IMVS	PHH	TOTAL
0100 Adenovirus not typed	1		1	5		7
0101 " type I		3		1		4
0102 " " 2		1			2	3
0103 " " 3	1	1				2
0107 " " 7		1			1	2
0301 Parainfluenza virus type 1		1				1
0500 Rhinovirus (all types)		5				5
0600 Mycoplasma pneumoniae	3		1	1		5
0700 Ornithosis-psittacosis		2				2
0904 Coxsackievirus B4		1				1
0905 " B5	2	2		1	1	6
1000 Echovirus not typed				2		2
1002 " type 2		1				1
1006 " " 6		3				3
1009 " " 9	2					2
1010 " " 10 = Reovirus					1	1
1012 " " 12	1					1
1014 " " 14	1					1
1016 " " 16		3				3
1017 " " 17		1				1
1018 " " 18	1					1

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VIRUS OR VIRAL ANTIGEN	ICPMR	FAIRFIELD	RAHC	IMVS	PHH	TOTAL
1019 Echovirus type 19		10				10
1104 Poliovirus - vaccinal strain	1					1
1200 Mumps virus	2	4		4	1	11
1301 Herpes simplex virus - not typed	18		2	5	3	28
1303 Varicella-Zoster virus	3	2		1		6
1306 Herpes simplex type 1 (oral)		12		10		22
1307 Herpes simplex type 2 (genital)		3		10		13
1515 Contagious pustular dermatitis (Orf virus)		1				1
1521 Measles virus	1					1
1522 Rubella virus		4		1		5
1532 Hepatitis B antigen		22		16	11	49
1533 Hepatitis B antibody				12		12
1543 LGV - Lymphogranuloma venereum	1					1
1556 CMV - Cytomegalovirus	7	1		2	1	11
1563 Coronavirus				4		4
1564 Rotavirus	8			1		9
Uncoded	4					4
TOTAL FORMS	57	84	4	76	21	242