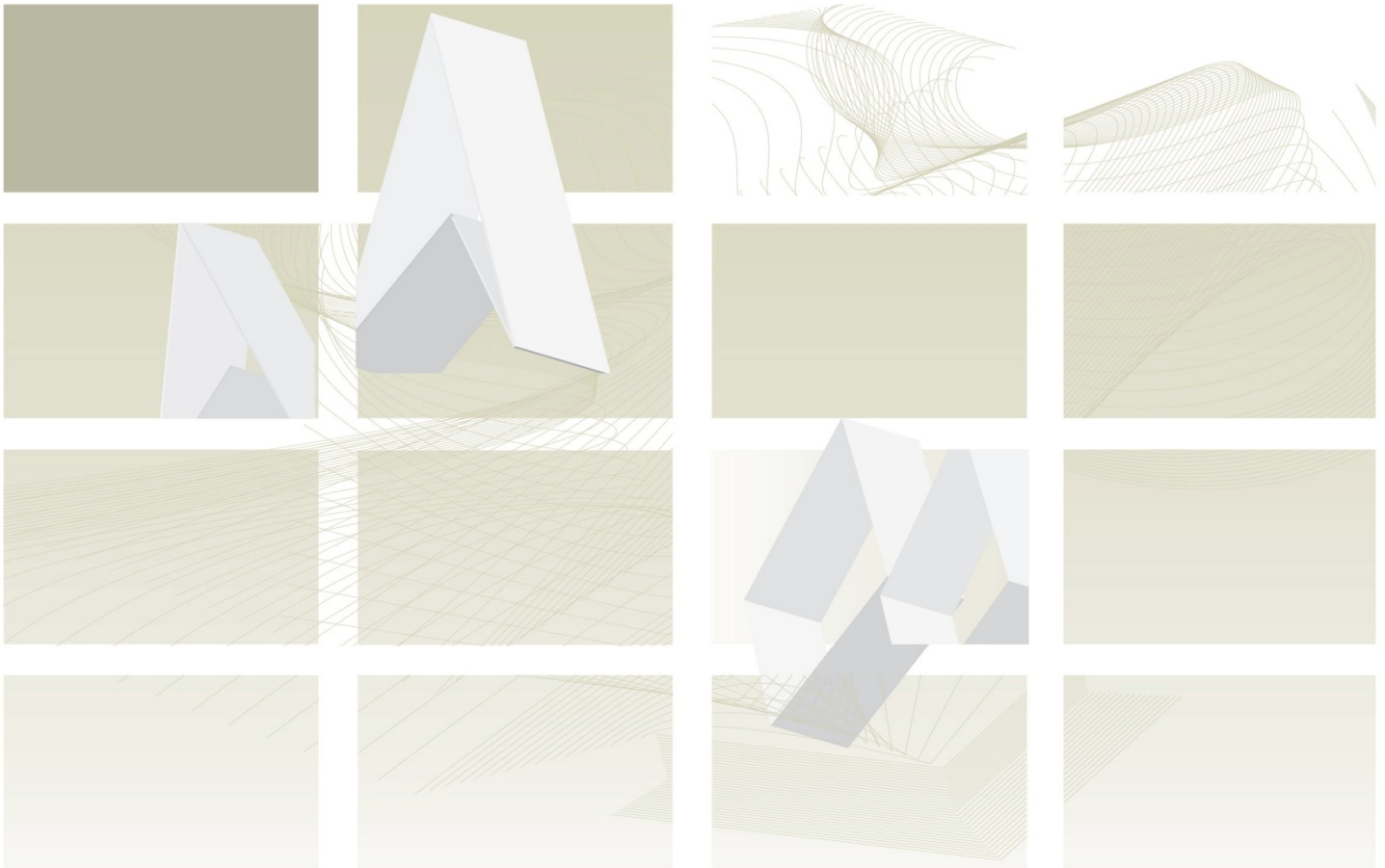




# UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations

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Bacteriology

## B 22 Investigation of Cerebrospinal Fluid Shunts



Recommendations are listed as ACCEPT/ PARTIAL ACCEPT/DEFER/ NONE or PENDING

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**PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES**

<b>Comment Number</b>	1		
<b>Date Received</b>	02/06/2014	<b>Professional Body</b>	UK CMN
<b>Section</b>	4.5.1 & Appendix		
<b>Comment</b>			
<p>a. Section 4.5.1 If fungi seen on microscopy incubation time should be extended up to 10 days</p> <p>b. Appendix Should extend incubation of Sab plates as fungi have been seen on microscopy to 10 days</p>			
<b>Financial Barriers</b>			
No.			
<b>Health Benefits</b>			
No.			
<b>Recommended Action</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>		

**COMMENTS RECEIVED OUTSIDE OF CONSULTATIONS**

<b>Comment Number</b>	1		
<b>Date Received</b>	03/01/2013	<b>Lab Name</b>	Southampton General Hospital
<b>Section</b>	Table headed - Clinical details/conditions conditions		
<b>Comment</b>			
<p>There is no comment sheet for this but it still looks as though it's under review SOP numbers B 22 and B 27 both concerning CSF and CSF shunts.</p> <p>I have just had one of our consultants ask why we weren't following these SOPs. We have found conflicting and confusing information.</p> <p>For the investigation of CSF culture the incubation times states 7 to 14 days but only states to read at &gt;40hrs and at 5 days with no mention of 14 day reading anywhere. Please could this be clarified for us. We have only followed the reading and reporting at 5 days but will change as soon as this is understood.</p>			
<b>Recommended Action</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>		

	This has now been streamlined in all CSF.
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**RESPONDENTS INDICATING THEY WERE HAPPY WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT**

<b>Overall number of comments: 5</b>			
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