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Strengthening Diagnostic Testing Capacity to Identify Salmonella Isolated from Blood Culture at Takeo Hospital Laboratory

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Background

- Microbiology testing was initiated in 2011 at the Takeo Hospital laboratory.
 - Improving evidence base for treatment of patients.
 - Improve understanding of bacterial agents causing infection in patients.
- In 2019, 6 microbiologists working in Takeo microbiology laboratory.





- 1. Improve the Lab's capacity for Identification and AST of Salmonella species.
- 2. Provide more timely report to clinician
- **3. Notification to the MoH for Surveillance efforts.**

Method

- 1. Reviewing laboratory document, including a flowchart developed by DMDP, SOP and Job aids
- 2. Recognition of colony morphology on different media
- 3. Improving Salmonella record on worksheets
- 4. Implementing Standardized Laboratory Information System (LIS) report to ensure immediate notification.
- 5. Sending suspected isolate to confirm at referral laboratories

Method

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Method **Blood culture processing**

Blood Culture

Primary pathogens: Salmonella, Brucella, Other Gram – rods, Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Haemophilus influenzae, Burkholderia pseudomallei NOT pathogens unless recovered from >1 separate blood culture: Bacillus sp., coagulase negative staphylococci, viridans streptococci, coryneform Gram + rods



Colony morphology on MAC, HE and biochemical media

Green colonies

Salmonella Typhi





Method

Diagnostic Microbiology, 7 ed. 2017

Presumptive identification



If biochemical tubes do NOT match Salmonella Typhi, Report Salmonella group D-not Typhi If biochemical tubes match Salmonella Typhi, Report Presumptive Salmonella Typhi Isolates were sent to referral labs (NPHL and NAMRU-2) For confirmation

NPHL: National Public Health Laboratory **NAMRU-2:** Naval Medical Research Unit 2

Results

Total Blood culture January to May 2019	
Total number of blood culture patient requests	1097
Blood stream Infection-Clinically Significant Organisms	72
Total blood culture bottles with contamination	45



Results





Presumptive identification of the Salmonella by the Takeo microbiology

laboratory matched result confirmation by NPHL and NAMRU-2.

- Presumptive Identification allowed :
 - Rapid reporting to clinician
 - Timely notification to Cambodia CDC



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- Ellen Jo Baron 2013, blood culture flowchart.
- Takeo cumulative blood culture data 2019 (excel file).
- Confirmation result from referral labs (NPHL and NAMRU-2).
- Cambodia CDC notification List.