

HSE Approved Laboratory Tests Routinely Available to SVUH GPs & Nursing Homes

St Vincents University Hospital - Effective Date 28/07/2025

Test Name	Turnaround Time (TAT) *
URINE – MICROSCOPY, CULTURE & SENSITIVITY	
Microscopy, Culture and Sensitivity: Urine – MSU/CSU	1–2 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Nephrostomy Urine	1–2 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Urostomy Urine	1–2 working days
SWABS – CULTURE & SENSITIVITY (ROUTINE)	
Culture and Sensitivity: Throat Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Mouth Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Nasal Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Vaginal / High Vaginal / Low Vaginal / Vulval Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Deep Wound Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Superficial Wound Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Skin Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Ear Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Eye Swab	2–3 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Cervical Swab (Endocervical) ^	2–4 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Penile Swab ^	2–4 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Urethral Swab ^	2–4 working days
SPUTUM – ROUTINE CULTURE	
Culture and Sensitivity: Sputum ^	3–5 working days
SWABS – ROUTINE SURVEILLANCE SCREENING	
MRSA Screening Swab	1–3 working days
CPE Screen Swabs (Rectal)	1–3 working days
VRE Screen Swabs	1–3 working days
SVUH Surveillance Swabs (MRSA / CPE / VRE – combined)	1–3 working days
SWABS – RESPIRATORY PCR PANEL (COVID / Flu / RSV)	
Respiratory PCR Panel: Influenza A RNA, Influenza B RNA, RSV (A/B) RNA, SARS-CoV-2 RNA ^	2–3 working days
FAECES – ROUTINE CULTURE & PCR	
Routine Faeces: Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, STEC, Giardia, Cryptosporidium^	1-3 working days
Routine Faeces: Clostridioides difficile (PCR) ^	1-3 working days
Extended Faeces Panel: Bacterial/Viral/Pathogens^	4-5 working days
Faeces: Ova, Cysts & Parasites (OCP) by Microscopy ^	4-6 working days
H Pylori Antibodies^	3-5 working days
TISSUE – ROUTINE CULTURE	
Skin, Hair and Nails: Fungal Investigations ^	3–7 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Tissue ^	Up to 14 working days
FLUID & ASPIRATE – CULTURE & SENSITIVITY	
Culture and Sensitivity: Body Fluid ^	2–7 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Aspirate ^	2–7 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Joint / Synovial Fluid (Microscopy, Crystals & Culture) ^	2–5 working days
Culture and Sensitivity: Pus ^	2–7 working days
Fluid Culture (general) ^	3-8 working days
DEVICES & OTHER SPECIMENS	
Culture and Sensitivity: Device / IUD (IUCD for Culture) ^	11–12 working days
Insect / Worm / Ova / Cysts ^	7 Working days
Semen Culture ^	3–5 working days

^ Denotes these tests are referred to our Medical Laboratory Partner.

* Please note that TAT may be extended if further testing or confirmatory testing is required.