Perform Quality Control of culture media and solutions



Overview

This standard has a broad range and relates to the quality control processes following the preparation of suitable media and a variety of solutions including stains, buffers and reagents.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 follow the appropriate standing operating procedures, policies and protocols for the method of quality control
- P2 use aseptic procedures or other specific handling procedures during the quality control process
- P3 use clean, appropriately prepared utensils as necessary
- P4 utilise all relevant equipment in a safe and correct manner
- P5 select the appropriate quality control testing method for the culture media or solution
- P6 undertake quality control testing in accordance with laboratory protocol
- P7 interpret quality control results in accordance with expected findings
- P8 work within your personal scope of practice
- P9 take appropriate action to respond to an unexpected situation, problem or event
- P10 complete all relevant records accurately and in accordance with protocols

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the safe and correct use of all equipment used for personal protection or in the actual quality control of culture media and solutions
- K2 aseptic and other specific handling procedures and the importance of applying these correctly when performing quality control of culture media and solutions
- K3 the importance of ensuring that culture media and solutions are always quality controlled in accordance with the level of detail required for audit purposes
- K4 the importance of ensuring that the equipment used is appropriate
- K5 the relevance of quality control results and actions to take in response to different quality control results
- K6 relevant standard operating procedures, protocols, statutory, regulatory and legislative requirements and guidance, and their importance
- K7 contingency and risk assessments relating to quality control of culture media and solutions

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Additional Information

External Links

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Dimension: HWB8 Biomedical investigation and intervention

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