

**NATIONAL STANDARD METHOD WORK SCHEDULE
FOR 2010**

| Month | NSM Number | Title of document / activity | Responsibility (to undertake the work) |
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| January | | | |
| February | VSOP 21 | Isolation of viruses associated with infections of the eye: Keroconjunctivitis | Lead Clare Harris |
| | BSOP 58 | Processing swabs for Group B streptococcal carriage | Lead Clare Harris |
| March | BSOP 39 | Investigation of dermatological specimens for superficial mycoses | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 13 | Electron microscopy: Flotation (direct) method | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 14 | Electron microscopy: Differential centrifugation (double-spin method) | Lead Clare Harris |
| April | QSOP 27 | Quality assurance in the diagnostic virology and serology laboratory | Lead Clare Harris |
| | QSOP 54 | Hepatitis | Lead Clare Harris |
| May | | | |
| June | BSOP 29 | Investigation of specimens for screening for MRSA | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 2 | Gastroenteritis sporadic cases | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 3 | Gastroenteritis: Outbreaks | Lead Clare Harris |
| August | VSOP 22 | Isolation of viruses associated with respiratory infections | Lead Clare Harris |
| | QSOP 33 | European directive on in vitro diagnosis medical devices (98/79/EC) | Lead Clare Harris |

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| September | BSOP 30 | Investigation of faeces specimens for bacterial pathogens | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 15 | Investigation of clinical specimens by electron microscopy using concentration by ammonium sulphate precipitation | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 16 | Investigation of clinical specimens by electron microscopy using solid phase immune electron microscopy | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 17 | Isolation of herpes simplex virus associated with herpes genitalis | Lead Clare Harris |
| October | VSOP 27 | Hepatitis A virus acute infection serology | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 28 | CMV serology | Lead Clare Harris |
| November | BSOP 38 | Investigation of bone marrow | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 8 | Vertical HCV transmission | Lead Clare Harris |
| | VSOP 44 | Serological diagnosis of Syphilis | Lead Clare Harris |
| December | | Review years work | |

NB: This schedule is for information only. The Standards Unit reserves the right to change it as appropriate without notice.