

## POCT Influenza & RSV EQA

**INTENDED USE**

Weqas POCT Influenza & RSV samples are for in vitro diagnostic use as External Quality Assessment material for testing of Influenza A, Influenza B and RSV.

**SUMMARY**

External Quality Assessment (EQA), or proficiency Testing (PT) is an essential part of providing quality laboratory diagnostic services, and participation in EQA is required for laboratory accreditation to ISO 15189 and ISO 17025. EQA is the inter laboratory comparison and performance evaluation that extends throughout all phases of the healthcare diagnostic testing cycle.

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

The base material is a phosphate buffered solution spiked with inactivated Influenza A/B & RSV. The material is dispensed into 1mL aliquots and stored at -20°C until dispatch, and will thaw in transit.

**STORAGE AND STABILITY**

The samples should be assayed on the day you receive them. If you are unable to assay the samples immediately upon receipt, please store at 4°C. Samples stored at 4°C prior to analysis must be brought to room temperature and assayed within 30 minutes.

Samples are stable for 14 days at Room Temperature and 4°C.

**STORAGE AND PROCEDURE FOR BATCHED SAMPLES**

The samples should be stored at -20°C on receipt. At the start of the return window for each distribution thaw the relevant samples at room temperature for 24 hours and assay as described in PROCEDURE.

**PROCEDURE**

Please ensure sample is mixed thoroughly, if using a swab please use a sterile individually wrapped dry swab. **DO NOT USE TRANSPORT SWAB.**

1. Mix the sample well by inverting 10 times –ensure there are no air bubbles in the sample.
2. Wear gloves and handle the sample as if it were a normal patient sample.
3. Carefully remove the lid from the sample.
4. Transfer sample directly to instrument either by swab or by pipette.
5. Please follow the test procedure in the 'Instructions for use' leaflet in the kit, supplied by the manufacturer.
6. Please complete all information requested and record results on the return sheet.

Safely dispose of excess sample according to local waste policy guidelines.

**LIMITATIONS OF PROCEDURE**

The *POCT Influenza & RSV* EQA samples should be analysed according to the instructions within this document. If there is evidence of microbial contamination or excessive turbidity in the product, discard the vial.

The *POCT Influenza & RSV* EQA samples supplied require storage as described in STORAGE AND STABILITY and handling as described in PROCEDURE.

Accurate and reproducible results are dependent upon properly functioning instruments and reagents and the use of correct procedures.

**APPROXIMATE RANGE COVERED**

The Weqas *POCT Influenza & RSV* EQA samples cover a relevant pathological and analytical range as outlined below.

Analyte	Approx Range
Influenza A	Negative / Positive
Influenza B	Negative / Positive
RSV	Negative / Positive

**! CAUTION !**

1. For in vitro diagnostic use only.
2. This product should not be disposed of in general waste. Consult local environmental authorities for proper disposal.

**Although every effort is made to ensure that the material is free from any known infectious agent, the samples should be handled as for clinical specimens.**