Microbiology Service Update

New Test Codes and Online Ordering Functionality

We are making improvements to your microbiology offering, including a new, more logical test code structure, a few new test codes, and enhancements to the online ordering process. We expect these changes will make ordering microbiology testing easier and more efficient.

Not all codes are changing, but those that are changing are organized by logical lettering and numbering patterns that will make finding the right test code simpler.

Benefits of new code changes:

+ Simplified, with more logical structure
+ More control over the testing you order
+ Greater clarity for the laboratory regarding the requested testing

Here is a preview of the new offering:

Current Test Code	New Test Code	Test Name
PK; PK1:PK2; VID	PK	Bacteriologic culture (aerobic) - incl. differentiation and resistance testing (where indicated)
	PK2	Bacteriologic culture (aerobic) - incl. differentiation and resistance testing (where indicated) - 2 sites
	PK3	Bacteriologic culture (aerobic) - incl. differentiation and resistance testing (where indicated) - 3 sites
	PK4	Bacteriologic culture (aerobic) - incl. differentiation and resistance testing (where indicated) - 4 sites
PK (Urin); UID	PKU	Urine Bacteriologic culture (aerobic)
	PKUX	Urine Bacteriologic culture (aerobic) - Uropathogenic Corynebacteria
KMY (-D+H); KMY (-H+S); KMY2 (Kot); MID	KMY	Mycological examination
	KMY2	Mycological examination - 2 sites
	KMY3	Mycological examination - 3 sites
	KMY4	Mycological examination - 4 sites
PK (Mat.BK); PKAN (Mat.BK)	PKB2	Aerobic, Anaerobic - Blood
	PKB3	Aerobic, Anaerobic, Yeasts - Blood
PKAN	PKAN	Bacteriologic culture (anaerobic) - incl. differentiation - 1 site
	PKAN2	Bacteriologic culture (anaerobic) - incl. differentiation - 2 sites
	PKAN3	Bacteriologic culture (anaerobic) - incl. differentiation - 3 sites
	PKAN4	Bacteriologic culture (anaerobic) - incl. differentiation - 4 sites
PKAA1; PKAA2; PKAA3	PKPKAN	Bacteriologic culture (aerobic and anaerobic) - incl. differentiation - 1 site
	PKPKAN2	Bacteriologic culture (aerobic and anaerobic) - incl. differentiation - 2 sites
	PKPKAN3	Bacteriologic culture (aerobic and anaerobic) - incl. differentiation - 3 sites
	PKPKAN4	Bacteriologic culture (aerobic and anaerobic) - incl. differentiation - 4 sites
PK (Milk)	PKM1	Mastitis milk testing - 1 site (Bovine)
	PKM2	Mastitis milk testing - 2 sites (Bovine)
	PKM3	Mastitis milk testing - 3 sites (Bovine)
	PKM4	Mastitis milk testing - 4 sites (Bovine)
PK	PKE1	Bacterial Ear examination - 1 site
	PKE2	Bacterial Ear examination - 2 sites
STUG	PKGS	Pre-Breeding Culture (Equine, for mare and stallion)

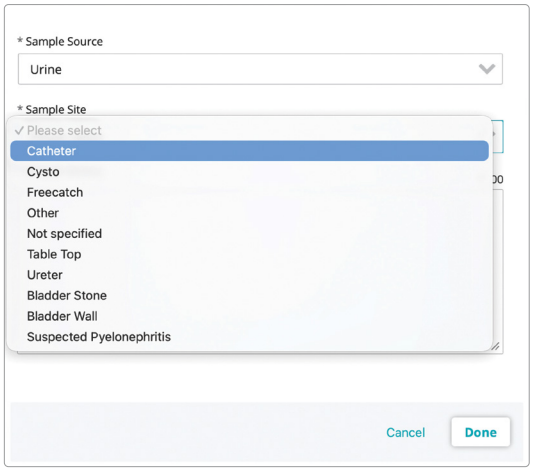
These new test codes go live on Monday 9 November 2026. Be sure to start using them then!

Your pricing details are available in your MyIDEXX account at my.idexx.com

Streamlining the VetConnect Plus™ Online Ordering Process

To simplify the online ordering process in VetConnect Plus, we are breaking the single Sample Source and Site list into smaller, more quickly-read lists. Instead of one long list, you will now see a short drop-down list for Sample Source and a short drop-down list for Site, customized for the Source. Only Sites relevant to the Source are presented. This approach is a more efficient way to capture this valuable information during the ordering process.

Examples of the new specimen detail form with separate Source and Site dropdown lists:



Other Important Service Updates with Clinical Benefits

Gram Stains on Ear Cultures (PKE1 & PKE2) - To focus on reporting information that directly guides clinical decision-making, routine Gram stain results will no longer be included with ear cultures. Innovations in culture technology deliver quick, accurate organism identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing (when indicated), providing more clinically relevant information than traditional Gram stains for ear cultures. This affects ear cultures only; other cultures that benefit medically from Gram staining remain unchanged.

Clostridium perfringens Cultures (SPKAN) – We are transitioning from culture-based *Clostridium* testing to PCR testing for *Clostridium perfringens* toxins which directly identifies important toxin genes that quantitative culture alone cannot determine. The PCR assays detect and quantify the genes encoding alpha toxin, enterotoxin, and NetE/F, and are available as individual toxin tests or as a comprehensive panel to support flexible diagnostic evaluation. Suggested PCR test codes:

Code	Description
CPEEQ	Clostridium perfringens enterotoxin gene (dog, cat) (DNA, quantitative)
CPNETEP	Clostridium perfingens netE + netF toxine gene, qualitative (DNA) (horse)
CPEAQ	Clostridium perfringens alpha-toxine gene (dog, cat) (DNA, quantitative)
PDFP2	Diarrhoea Profile Plus 2, dog
PDFPK	Diarrhoea Profile Plus, cat

Autoclave & Sterilization Spore Packets (STERI) – We are retiring this service offering as part of the broader test code maintenance and organization process.

Urine Culture Quantification Scale – As we continue to refine our Urine Culture offerings, we will begin using the quantification scale recommended the International Society for Companion Animal Infectious Diseases (ISCAID) in their published guidelines for the diagnosis and management of bacterial urinary tract infections in dogs and cats (2019):

- <1000 cfu/ml
- 1,000 - 100,000 cfu/ml
- >100,000 cfu/ml

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