# Xpert<sup>®</sup> vanA/vanB



The European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System indicates that infection rates with vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) are increasing, particularly in countries with high MRSA prevalence.<sup>2</sup>

CDC, SHEA and WHO have put forward the following guidelines on how to reduce VRE infections:<sup>3, 4, 5</sup>

• Comprehensive surveillance for targeted Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms; especially for those at high risk<sup>5</sup>

- Judicious use of antibiotics
- Application of infection control precautions during patient care
- Education and training of healthcare personnel
- Environmental cleanliness
- Decolonization therapy when appropriate

#### **The Solution**

Xpert® vanA/vanB:

- Allows for an immediate identification of VRE carriers from non-carriers
- Rapid implementation of barrier precautions
- Early identification improves patient bed management

#### **Ordering Information**

Xpert® vanA/vanB (10 Cartridges with reagents)

Catalog Number: GXVANA/B-CE-10

### **Materials Required but Not Provided**

Use of this assay requires the following materials:

- Cepheid Sample Collection Device (900-0370) or Copan (139CFM LQ STUART)
- Vortex mixer
- Disposable gloves and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Disposable sterile transfer pipettes (VWR 14670-331, Samco 2S-PL-232-1S) or equivalent
- Kim Wipes, sterile gauze (VWR 82030-638), or equivalent

#### References

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# **Sample Collection**

# **Sample Collection and Transport**

#### For rectal specimens:

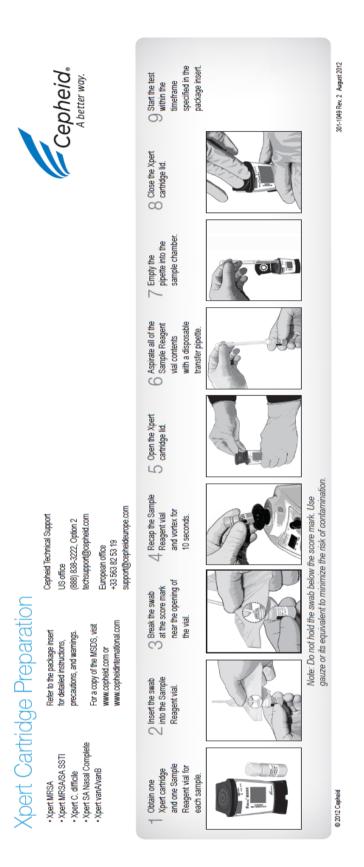
- 1. Collect the swab specimen using the Cepheid sample Collection Device (Cepheid Part Number 900-0370).
- 2. Carefully insert the swab approximately 2.5 cm beyond the anal sphincter (so that the cotton tip is no longer visible) and gently rotate 3 times to ensure uniform sample on both swabs.
- 3. Place the swabs back in the sample container.
- 4. Label with Sample ID and send to the laboratory.
- 5. Store swab specimen at  $2 8 \,^{\circ}$ C. The swab specimen is stable up to 5 days when stored at  $2 8 \,^{\circ}$ C.

#### For perianal specimens:

- 1. Collect the swab specimen using the Cepheid sample Collection Device (Cepheid Part Number 900-0370).
- 2. Press the buttocks apart to expose the perianal region, then using both of the swabs, fully swab around the perianal surface making sure to swab as much of the surface as possible.
- 3. Place the swabs back in the sample container.
- 4. Label with Sample ID and send to the laboratory.
- 5. Store swab specimen at  $2 8 \,^{\circ}$ C. The swab specimen is stable up to 5 days when stored at  $2 8 \,^{\circ}$ C.

Note: Procedures in the current package insert supersede these procedures.

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# **Retest Procedure**

#### **Reasons to Retest**

If the instrument returns any of the following indeterminate results, repeat the test:

- INVALID: This result indicates that the internal SPC failed. The sample was not properly processed or PCR was inhibited. An invalid result can also be caused by air bubbles in the reaction tube.
- ERROR: This result indicates that the assay was aborted. Possible causes include: the reaction tube was filled improperly; a reagent probe integrity problem was detected; the maximum pressure limit was exceeded; a system component failed.
- NO RESULT: this result indicates that insufficient data were collected. For example, the operator stopped a test that was in progress, a load error occurred, the software was closed prematurely, or a power failure occurred.

If an External QC fails to perform as expected, repeat external control test and/or contact Cepheid for assistance.

#### **Retest Procedure**

To retest within 3 hours, use a new cartridge (do not re-use the cartridge) and a new reagent.

To retest after 3 hours, you can repeat the test using a new cartridge and new reagent with the second swab or a new swab sample.

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# Laboratory User Training

Laboratory users can be trained with the slides in this chapter. A copy of this presentation is on the Xpert Assay Training CD.





#### **Training Objectives**

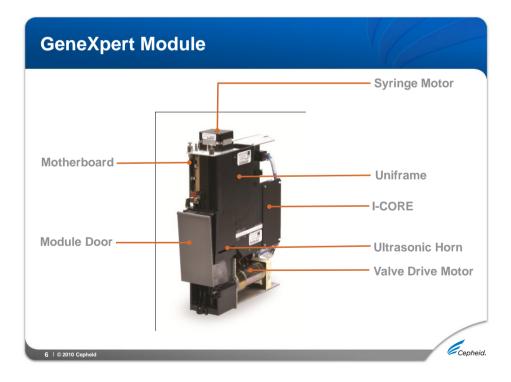
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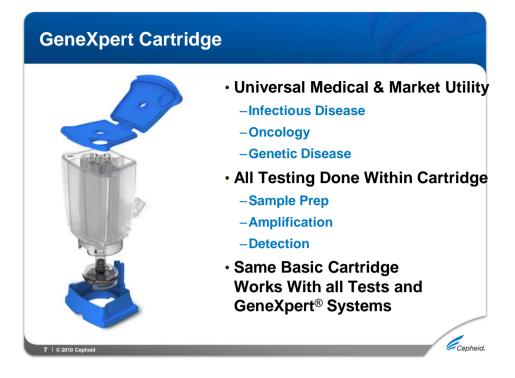
- Store and handle the Xpert vanA/vanB materials
- Clean and prepare the lab area for the assay
- Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for this assay
- Tell someone how to collect a specimen
- Transport and store a specimen
- Prepare a cartridge
- Perform the assay
- · Read the software-generated results
- Discard the used materials

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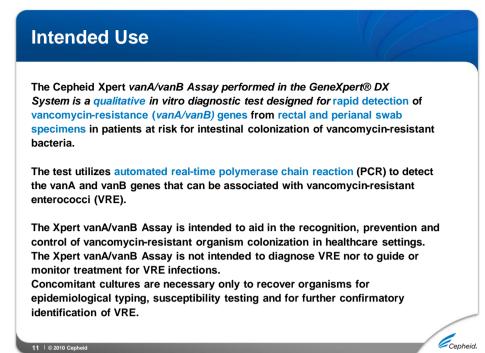




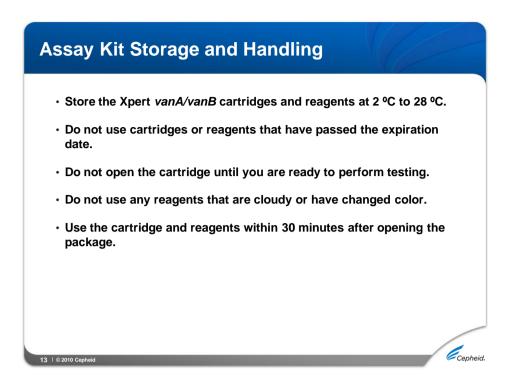








#### **Good Laboratory Practice** · PCR laboratory setup Cartridge/reagent preparation → Sample/reagent addition → Detection · Specimen and reagent storage Store specimens separately from reagents to prevent reagent contamination. • Equipment Use filtered pipette tips, when needed, for QC dilutions. Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for calibration and maintenance of the lab equipment. · Housekeeping Clean work surfaces with a final concentration of 10% sodium hypochlorite solution and then a 70% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol solution. Wipe work surfaces dry. Personnel Wear clean lab coats and gloves. Change gloves between processing samples. · Lab bench area Clean the lab bench area routinely. Keep the back of the instrument dust free. Cepheid 12 | © 2010 Cepheid

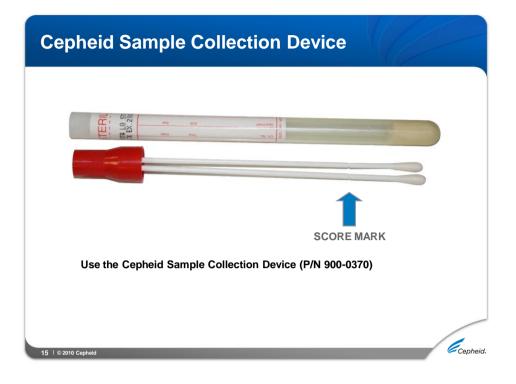


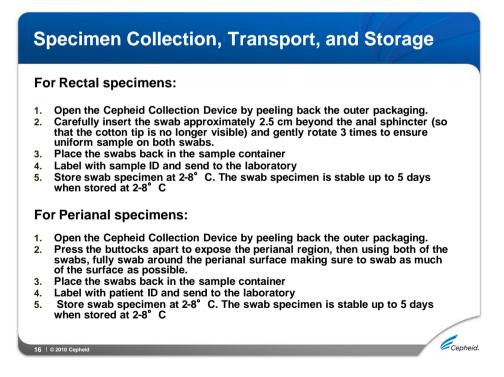
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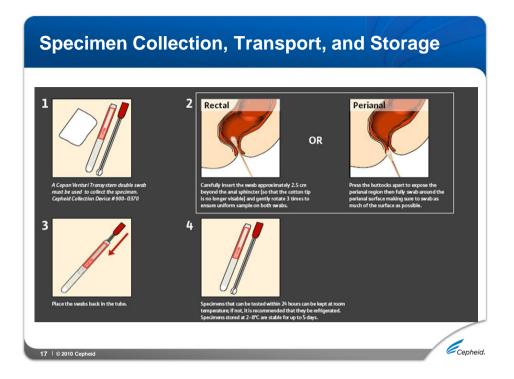
- The Xpert *vanA/vanB* Assay does not give susceptibility results. Additional time is required to culture and perform susceptibility testing.
- Do not substitute Xpert vanA/vanB reagents with other reagents.
- Do not load a Xpert *vanA/vanB* cartridge that has been dropped or shaken after you have added the sample.
- Do not load a cartridge that has a damaged reaction tube.
- Each single-use Xpert *vanA/vanB* cartridge is used to process one test. Do not recycle cartridges.

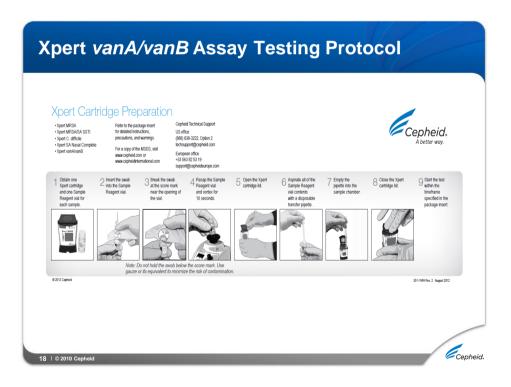
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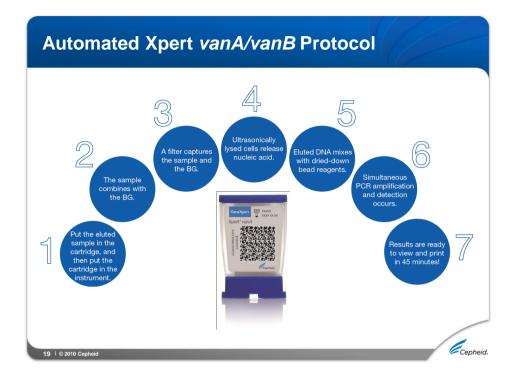
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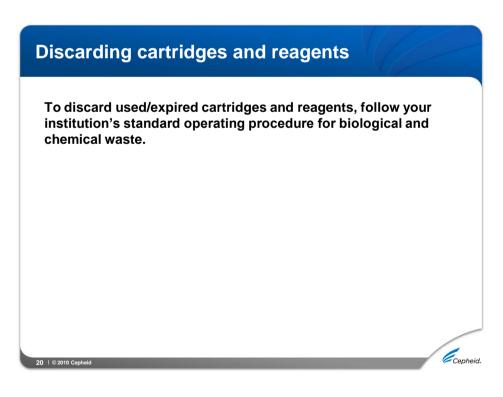


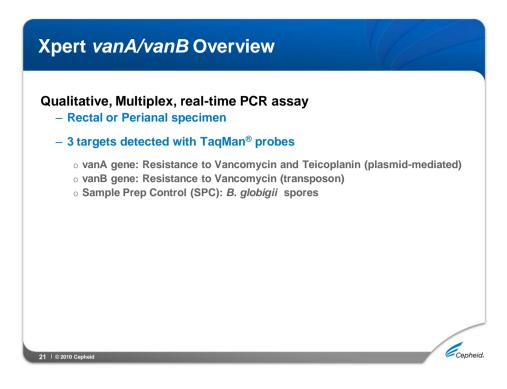


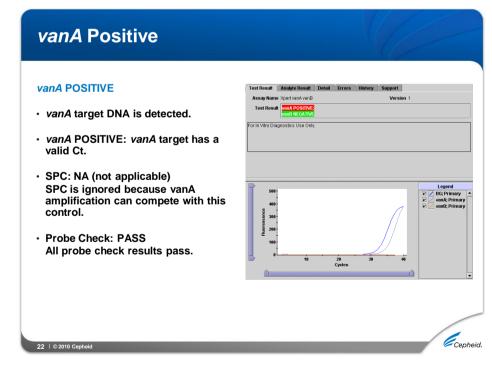


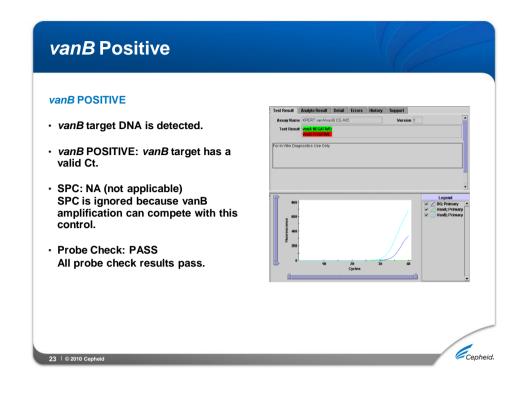


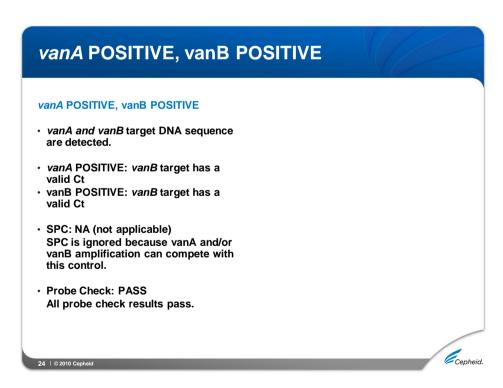










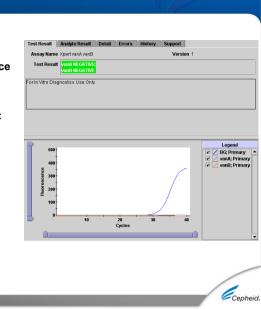


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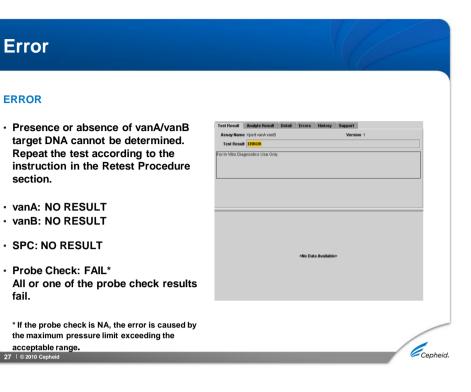
#### NEGATIVE

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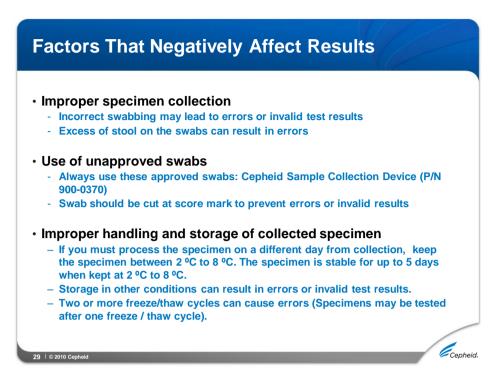
- vanA and vanB target DNA sequence are not detected. SPC meets acceptance criteria.
- NEGATIVE: no vanA or vanB target DNA are detected.
- SPC: PASS SPC has a valid Ct value
- Probe Check: PASS All probe check results pass.



#### Invalid INVALID est Result Analyte Result Detail Errors History Support Assay Name XPERT vanAvanB CE-VD Versit Test Result INVALID • Presence or absence of vanA/vanB Version 1 target sequences cannot be determined. Repeat the test For In Vitro Diagnostics Use On according to the instruction in the Retest Procedure section. The SPC does not meet the acceptance criteria, the sample was not properly processed, or PCR was inhibited. Legend BG; Primary V Z VanA; Prima VanB; Prima 80 60 40 **INVALID:** Presence or absence of vanA or vanB DNA cannot be determined. 28 Cycles · SPC: FAIL SPC target result is negative, and the SPC is not valid. Probe Check: PASS All probe check results pass. Cepheid. 26 | © 2010 Cepheid



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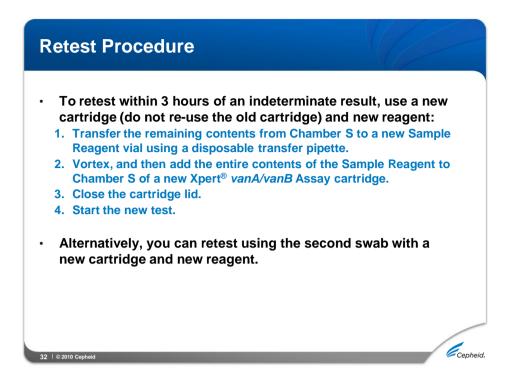


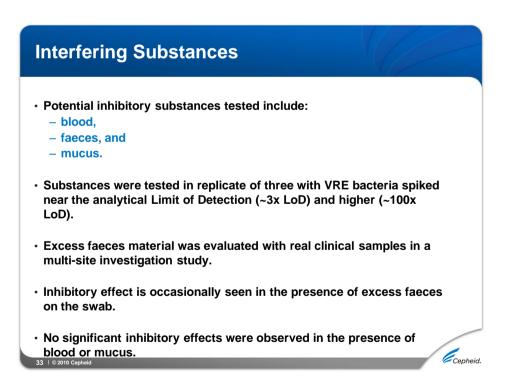


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#### Xpert vanA/vanB vs Direct Culture

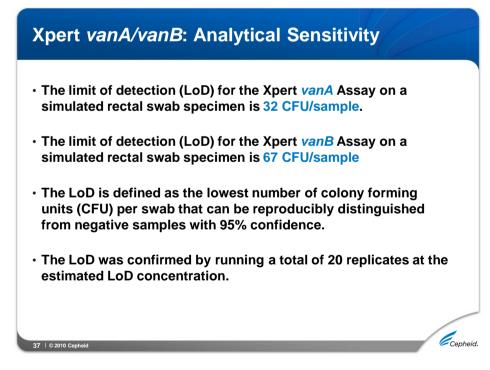
Xpert vanA/vanB Assay Performance versus Direct Culture method

92.5% (52/56)     88.7% (331/373)     55.3% (52/94)     98.8% (331/335)       CTAL     98.9% (86/87)     80.5% (528/656)     40.2% (86/214)     99.8% (528/529)
96.5%     83.5%     44.8%     99.4%       (138/143)     (859/1029)     (138/308)     (859/864)

#### Xpert vanA/vanB vs Enriched Culture

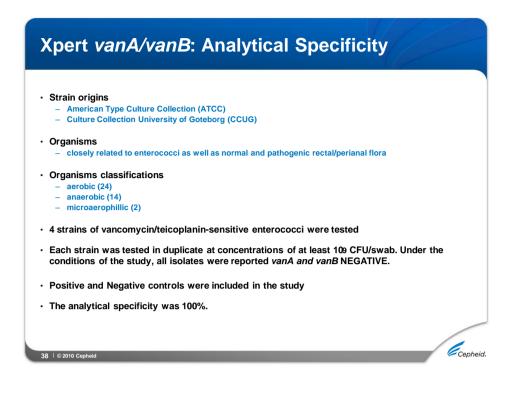
Xpert vanA/vanB Assay Performance versus Enriched Culture

	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
PERIANAL	86.8%	90.3%	62.8%	97.3%
	(59/68)	(327/362)	(59/94)	(327/336)
RECTAL	94.2%	81.2%	44.5%	98.9%
	(114/121)	(614/756)	(114/256)	(614/621)
TOTAL	91.5%	84.2%	49.4%	98.3%
	(173/189)	(941/1118)	(173/350)	(941/957)

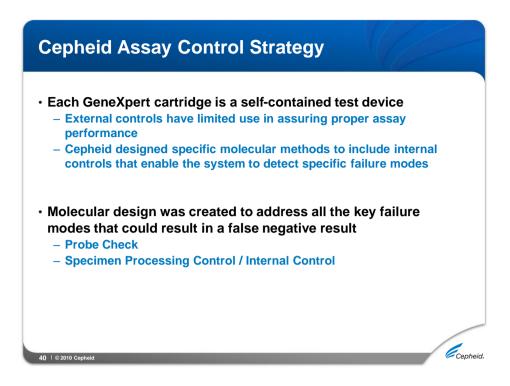


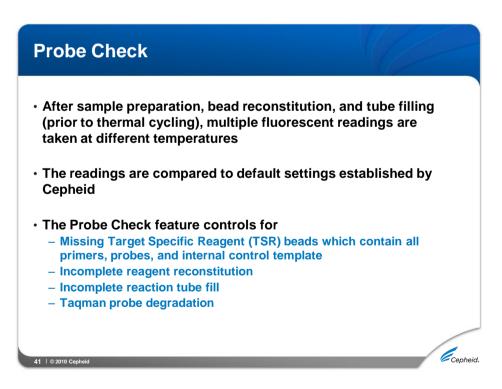
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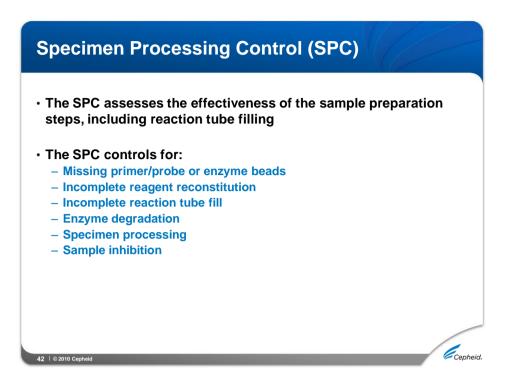
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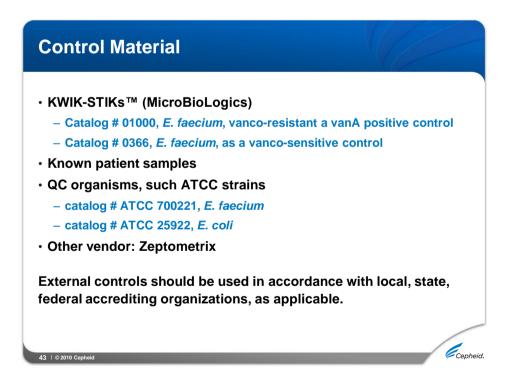




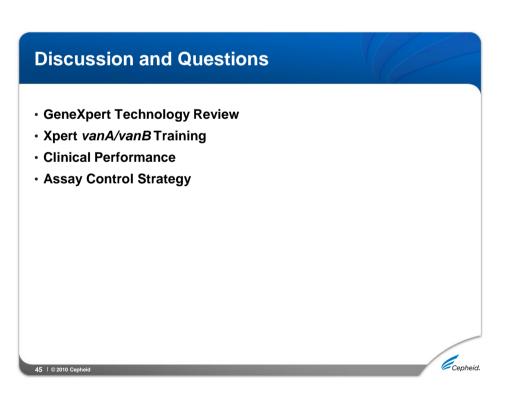












# Xpert vanA/vanB Hands On Checklist

Note to instructor: Check or initial box(es) upon correct demonstration of skills.

Name of institution:

Date:

#### Overview of GeneXpert

- Log onto system using windows password (cphd).
- Locate the GeneXpert instrument serial number ( ).

#### Clean area and decontaminate

• Clean the work area (hood and sample prep area) with a final concentration of 10% sodium hypochlorite solution and then a 70% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol solution.

- Change gloves between samples.
- Change or take off gloves before using computer.

#### □ Specimen and reagent storage and handling

- Verify approved swab was used for stool sampling.
- Verbalize correct stool storage: up to 24 hours at room temperature and for up to 5 days at 2 to 8°C.
- Verbalize that specimens can be frozen and thawed one time.
- Verbalize that Xpert vanA/vanB reagents stored at 2 to 28 °C.

#### □ Preparation of Xpert *vanA/vanB* cartridge

1. Obtain one cartridge and Elution Vial per specimen. Handle the cartridge without touching the reaction tube.

- 2. Visually inspect the cartridge, reaction tube, and Elution Vial.
- 3. Label the cartridge and Elution Vial.
- 4. Use a KimWipe or gauze to remove one swab.
- 5. Break the swab off into the Elution Vial.

Important: you can use a KimWipe or gauze over the mouth of the Elution Vial to prevent splash/spill/ aerosol formation.

6. Immediately discard the used KimWipe and swab shaft into the waste container.

7. Vortex the Elution Vial for 10 seconds. Hold the vial and not the cap when placing the vial into the mixer.

8. Transfer all contents of the Elution Vial into the "S" chamber using a sterile transfer pipette.

Important: Minimize bubble formation by touching the pipette or ampoule tip against the cartridge chamber wall.

9. Close the cartridge lid. Do not shake or tilt the cartridge and start the test within 30 minutes of adding the reagents.

#### □ Cartridge processing

- 1. Start the GeneXpert software.
- 2. Click Create Test.
- 3. Enter or scan the sample ID and the cartridge barcode.
- 4. Click Start Test (enter user ID and password if prompted).
- 5. Place the cartridge in the blinking module and close the door completely.
- 6. Remove the cartridge after the test completes.
- 7. Discard used cartridge in the correct waste container.
- Verbalize the completion time for the assay (x minutes).

#### □ Xpert *vanA/vanB* results

- Retrieve the automatically printed Test Report (if applicable)
- View the results under Check Status > Tests Since Launch.
- Verbalize or demonstrate the retest procedure

#### Cepheid Technical Support

Explain how to contact technical support

Signature of Technician: Signature of Trainer:

# Cepheid Xpert vanA/vanB Assay Quality Control Log

Old Lot Number	Expiration Date	Positive Control	Negative Control	New Lot Number	Expiration Date	Positive Control	Negative Control	Pass/Fail	Technician	Date
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