

Attachment F: Instructions to Participants



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Model Performance Evaluation Program (MPEP) for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Drug Susceptibility Testing

WARNING: The panel provided in this survey consists of viable cultures of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex, some of which are drug resistant. The cultures in the panel should be considered hazardous and capable of transmitting infection. Testing should only be done if the recommended safety procedures are followed as described in the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories*, 2007, 5th Edition.

This manual can be accessed at http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbL5/BMBL_5th_Edition.pdf.
Biosafety Level 3 practices should be used when testing MTBC cultures.

Check the contents of your package. It should contain:

- (1) Cover letter
- (2) Results Worksheet to document testing results for electronic entry
- (3) Shipping container with five (5) cultures labeled "TB Cultures." The culture tubes are labeled with individual identification codes.

Please contact us at TBMPEP@CDC.GOV or call 404-639-4013 immediately if:

- Your package is not complete
- You need additional cultures
- You have forgotten or misplaced your TPEP number
- You are not able to participate in this shipment. Discard your shipment with your biohazardous waste.

Results must be entered in the on-line data entry system no later than January 7, 2013. You will need your TPEP number to enter results. Submit your results on-line at:

<http://www.snapsurveys.com/swl/surveylogin.asp?k=135817325450>

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments, via:

- Telephone at 404-639-4013
- Email at TBMPEP@CDC.GOV

We appreciate your continued interest and participation in the Model Performance Evaluation Program.

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