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## **CEQA-AGAR Guidelines - Letter response**

CMPT has received several letters from participants regarding CEQA-AGAR Guidelines. The guidelines were mailed to laboratories when first published and they are available at the Health Canada web site.

Currently there are four guidelines. The name, date of issue, and ISBN numbers are:

1. Guidelines for the Testing and Reporting of Antimicrobial Susceptibilities of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci September 1998 ISBN 0-662-27498-9 ©1998
2. Guidelines for the Testing and reporting of Antimicrobial Susceptibilities of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* September 1998 ISBN 0-662-27499-7 ©1998
3. Guidelines on Susceptibility Testing of Antibiotic-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* due to Extended Spectrum Beta-lactamases (ESBLs) November 1998 ISBN 0-662-02429-X ©1998
4. Guidelines for the Testing and Reporting of Antimicrobial Susceptibilities of Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and Commentary on Methicillin Resistant Coagulase-negative Staphylococci (MR-CNS) September 1998 ISBN 0-662-27500-4 ©1998

[Ed. notes: 1. Thank-you for your letters; please continue to write regarding this or other concerns. 2. This information follows up on the article that appeared in CMPT Connections [2:4 Winter 1999](#) titled "CEQA-AGAR—a Canadian National Initiative in Laboratory Standards". The final statement in that article 'Once the new standards are published, printed, and circulated, CMPT will adopt CEQA-AGAR standards as the basis for grading challenge samples that include detection, identification, and reporting of antibiotic resistance.' is in effect.]

CEQA-AGAR Guidelines are posted on the Health Canada website. Use the following address and directions to arrive at the guidelines: CEQA-AGAR Guidelines are posted on the Health Canada website. Use the following address and directions to arrive at the guidelines: [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspsp/](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspsp/)

You will arrive at the What's New—Population and Public Health Branch (LCDC's new name) home page. To the left of the page is a search button. Just type in CEQA AGAR, press search, and you will be delivered to the guidelines.

CEQA-AGAR invites your input for revisions in the guidelines. An on-line form is available or you may submit responses to either:

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Laboratory Centre for Disease Control,  
1015 Arlington St., Winnipeg, MN R3E 3R2  
or, Facsimile: 204-789-2018

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