



SKUP introduces a new approach to evaluate Strep A equipment and rapid tests

The purpose of SKUP is to improve the quality of near patient testing in Scandinavia by providing objective and supplier-independent information on analytical quality and user-friendliness of laboratory equipment. SKUP introduces a new approach to evaluate Strep A equipment and rapid tests.

The evaluations will be performed in primary health care centres using throat swab samples from approximately 400 patients, instead of, as earlier, evaluation of the equipment/rapid test in a microbiology laboratory with dilutions of reference strains of Strep A.

The results of the evaluated equipment/rapid test will be compared to the results of the gold standard method, i.e., culturing, in a microbiology laboratory.

The evaluation will show the analytical quality of the equipment/rapid test in the hands of the intended users. In addition, the intended users will evaluate the user-friendliness.

All companies producing or selling Strep A equipment and/or rapid tests are welcome to contact SKUP for more information and for a proposal for an evaluation.