

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 380.—The following Schedule of Charges for Bacteriological Examinations is substituted for that published in Government Notification No. 48 of the 1st February, 1910, which is hereby cancelled:—

General Directions.

1. Sterile Swabs for use in cases of suspected diphtheria, and outfits for taking blood for Widal's blood examination, will be supplied on application. In other cases requiring bacteriological examination, the material must be sent in sterile stoppered bottles or jars, and every precaution must be taken to prevent the entrance of extraneous organisms.

2. Tissues for the preparation of sections, which cannot reach the Laboratory within a few hours of removal, may be placed in 50 per cent. spirit. They should if possible be placed in Zenker's solution while still warm. This solution will be supplied if desired.

3. Each specimen must be accompanied by a written statement of—(a) the name and address of the sender; (b) the provisional diagnosis of the case; (c) a detailed statement of the nature of the examination required. *The specimen will not be examined unless this is done.*

4. Material for examination must be addressed to the Government Bacteriologist, Bacteriological Institute, and must be received in proper condition. In case of material sent by post proper precaution must be taken in packing.

5. In all chemical reports and in certain other cases, *e.g.*, the examination of blood films, only the facts observed will be reported. The interpretation of the facts will be left to the person receiving the report.

6. Widal's reaction against B. Typhosus, examination of diphtheria swabs and examination of material from supposed cases of Cholera or Plague will be done free of charge for any case within the Colony.

7. Diagnostic examinations are performed free of charge for indigent patients if the physician certifies on the request that the patient is indigent and unable to pay a fee, and as long as the work of the Laboratory is not interfered with.

8. Reports sent out from the Laboratory are entirely for the assistance of the medical practitioner, and are issued on the condition that they may not be used for legal proceedings.

9. The following is the scale of fees chargeable for reports:—

SPUTUM.

Examination for Tubercle Bacilli,	\$ 1.50
Microscopic Report (henceforth referred to as "M. R.") for Pyogenic Cocci, Pneumococci, etc.,	2.50
For any other ordinary Organism specified by sender,	2.50
M. R. for Organisms not specified by sender, and for Cellular Elements, for Hydatid Hooklets, etc.,	5.00

PUS OR OTHER MATERIAL.

Culture from Diphtheria Swab and Report, (free if in Colony),	2.50
M. R. on discharge from Tetanus Wound,	2.50
M. R. for Tubercle Bacilli, Actinomyces, Meningococcus, Gono- coccus, Amœbæ, etc.,	2.50
M. R. for shreds of Tumour,	10.00
M. R. and Inoculation Experiment for Tubercle Bacilli,	10.00
M. R. and Culture—	
Tubercle Bacillus,	50.00
Gonococcus,	25.00
Typhoid Bacillus or B. Coli,	10.00
Meningococcus,	5.00
Pyogenic Cocci,	5.00

M. R. and Culture,—*Continued* :—

Pneumococcus,	\$ 7.50
If Anaerobic Methods applied,.....	20.00
Other Organisms—price to be agreed upon in each case.	

BLOOD.

Widal's Reaction for Typhoid Fever, (free if in Colony),	2.50
Agglutination Test for Malta Fever,	2.50
Anthrax Bacilli in Blood, including making Culture,	2.50
Opsonic Index against Specified Organism,	20.00
(Will not be undertaken unless control normal blood is sent along with specimen from patient.)	
Report on Malarial Film,	1.00
M. R. on Red Blood Corpuscles in Film,.....	1.00
M. R. on White Blood Corpuscles with Differential Count,	5.00
(No opinion will be given on probable relative numbers of red or white cells in any case.)	

URINE.

M. R. for Tubercle Bacilli,	1.50
Inoculation Experiment for same,.....	20.00
Culture Experiment for Typhoid Bacillus or B. Coli,.....	10.00
M. R. for Ova,	2.50

FAECES.

Examination for Ova or Amœbæ,	2.50
Culture Exp. for variety of B. Coli present,	10.00
„ Typhoid Bacillus,	20.00
„ Dysentery Bacillus,	20.00

TUMOURS, ETC.

Examination of Tumours or Tissues by section,	20.00
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WATER.

Bacteriological Examination for Sewage Pollution,	25.00
(No Examination will be undertaken unless the sample, immediately after being taken, has been packed in ice and sawdust, and sent with all speed to the Laboratory.)	

MILK.

For Tubercle Bacillus,	25.00
(No diagnosis by mere microscopic examination will be issued. Report will be based on inoculation experiment alone.)	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rideal Walker Estimation of Chemical Disinfectant,	25.00
Preparation of Autogenous Vaccines,	10-25.00
Precipitin Reaction for Blood,	25.00
Wassermann's Syphilis Reaction—For single specimen,	20.00
For 3 or more specimens, ...	15.00 each.
Calf Lymph—per tube,	00.50
over 100 tubes,.....	00.30 a tube.

Diagnostic examinations and bacteriological work not mentioned above will have charge determined at the time work is requested.

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