

Microbiology Council Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Review and sign-off of the minutes is mandatory for all Micro staff prior to next meeting.

Deadline 2/28/2015

Attendees

Facilitator: Jerry Claridge Note taker: Michael

Present: Nick Fuller, Steinnun Lonam, John Lord, Cassi Miller, Joanne Turner, Tony Vang

Absent: Shannon Sabins

Thank you to Jenn, Krystal, and Tiesha for serving for the past 2 years!

Review / Approval of Previous Minutes

No corrections or edits were submitted.

Reflection

The reflection was provided by Joanne. Thank you!!

Old Business

New Employee Training

Jen will finish the urine bench checklist soon. Other areas that need checklists include the blood bench, mycology, and mycobacteriology.

Action items

- ✓ Start working on mycology checklist.
- ✓ Start working on mycobacteriology checklist
- ✓ Start working on blood bench checklist

Person responsible Deadline

Phyllis	2/28/15
Nick/Jenn	2/28/15
Jenn	2/28/15

Billing of Organism IDs

All Organism ID order codes are now shell codes and have no billing associated with them, including FUNGID and YID.

HIVLD

This test is orderable by any clinician on labor and delivery patients and on any source patient associated with a healthcare worker exposure. We should perform the testing STAT on source patient specimens. HCWs with exposure have a 4-hour window to receive prophylaxis if the HIV on the source patient test is positive. Only positive specimens are sent out for confirmatory testing (performed at ARUP).

New Business

Financial Update

November and December were good months for PSHMC. January is not typically a good month for PSHMC but we are hoping this year will be better.

Polyclinic update

Workload has increased significantly since we started performing microbiology testing for Polyclinic. The work is concentrated on 2nd and 3rd shift, making it difficult to get all of the work completed on those shifts. Jerry said we will ask for volunteers that want to come in on 2nd shift for 4 hours each night (around 7:00 to 11:00) to help the plate benches on Tuesday-Friday. We will also look for a supplemental lab assistant for Saturday night (3rd shift). Jerry is working on gathering information to seek a permanent solution. There was also discussion about the need for a 3rd lab assistant on Fridays. Due to the weekend rotations, we work with one less lab assistant on Fridays and it can be very challenging.

GI Bacterial Panel

We have received a few specimens from PAML but nothing from in house. All inpatient testing should transition from culture to PCR at some point. Until that happens, be sure to watch the expiration dates on the

reagents after they are opened. They are only good for 2 weeks. We will likely need to through away tests until the volumes pick up.

Body Fluids and SSR

Specimen Processing is requesting to put body fluids into SSR. Jerry will follow up with Theresa King to see if this is still wanted.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Verify SSR for body fluids.	Jerry	2/28/15

Swabs Containing Tissue

We continue to experience issues with missing tissue samples in swab containers. The swab containers are covered up with labels making it difficult to see any tissue inside. If the order is CTIS, and a swab is received, don't assume that the specimen is on the swab! You should always do a visual check down the opening of the swab container to see if there is a piece of tissue inside.

Merit Appraisals

Almost 100% of you completed the self-assessment before the deadline! Thank YOU!!

ESwabs

We will continue to see a transition from the Amies gel transport devices to the eSwab. All direct smears should be fixed with methanol prior to Gram stain. This includes smears prepared from Amies gel swabs, eSwabs, body fluids, lower respiratory specimens, etc. The procedure for wet mount vaginal preparations has been updated for the eSwab.

BAL Specimens for Legionella DFA

Should we cytospin BAL specimens for the Legionella DFA smears? Yes

Weekly Fyrite Reading

Can the weekly fyrite reading be moved to Monday? Yes, Jan will need to change the schedule in the computer. She has been asked to do this so it shouldn't take long.

Initialing Slides

Since the change in protocol for the trichrome preparation, smears have improved. It is no longer necessary to initial trichrome smears. However, people should continue initialing the Gram stain slides.

Reporting Order for Gram Satins

Due to the space limitation when viewing the Gram stain results in the culture result entry function, can we standardize the reporting of CRESG Gram stains so the "mixed flora" is reported after organisms? Yes, any organisms that warrant reporting should be reported before "mixed flora."

Fluids Positive in Blood Culture Bottles

When the blood bench is working on a body fluid that is positive for blood culture bottles, it gets confusing to the routine bench when an organism workup suddenly appears. A suggestion was made to have the blood bench tech enter, "Bottle Positive" and place the result on hold.

Reminder – BD MAX Maintenance Documentation

The tech performing PCR on 1st shift is responsible for performing and documenting the BD MAX maintenance. There was some documentation missing in December. Make sure it is done and documented to prevent any CAP deficiencies!

Reminder – Trichrome Weekly QC

Trichrome QC should be performed and documented on Monday of each week. We only documented this 2 times in December. A [2015 QC calendar](#) has been posted on the intranet. Please make sure you complete any scheduled QC for the bench you are assigned.

R&D Update

We are looking at Microscan panels for MIC testing since several E-tests are on extended backorder.

Kudos & Thanks!

- Thank you to 3rd shift workers that have been working so hard to keep up with the heavy workload!
- Thank you to Ashley for being such a good helper to others!

The next Micro Council Meeting will be held

In March – date TBD

Reflection to be provided by Shannon