

# Microbiology Council Minutes

Thursday, July 23, 2015

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

Deadline 12/23/2015

## Attendees

Facilitator: Jason Ammons Note taker: Michael Majors

Present: Nick Fuller, Steinnun Lonam, John Lord, Phyllis Verduin

Absent: Savanna Castillo, Ashley English, Shannon Sabins

## Review / Approval of Previous Minutes

No corrections or edits were submitted.

## Reflection

The reflection was provided by Phyllis.

## Old Business

### New Employee Training

The checklists are near completion and should be finished by September.

### CRM for Missing Sources

A question was submitted regarding the comment code that we use when we have missing sources. The comment says, "Information needed to complete testing." However, testing is frequently completed and final before we get a source. Can we use a different code? Answer: No, PAML uses this to audit and educate clients about ordering errors.

### Polyclinic Update

95% of urines from 2200 batch are getting preliminary results in by 2100 the next day. Thank you evening shift for making this happen!

### Resistant Organism Comment

A request was submitted to create a guide for when to use the RESOR1 comment. The AST Availability document has been rearranged so that the drugs are grouped by class to help serve as a quick reference for drug classification. You can still search the document for specific drugs by pressing Ctrl + F (find). This allows you to type in a drug name or word to search. There's no efficient way to create a specific guide for using the resistant organism comment. If you have questions regarding certain isolates, please consult Rounds.

### Using the PAML Call Back Function (CB2)

The CB2 function should only be used for critical and alert values on PAML patients. Corrected reports must be called by Microbiology.

### Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma Cultures

These cultures will be moved to the fungus bench once everyone has passed their competency test.

### Positive Blood Culture Log

We will discontinue using a log for positive blood cultures. The hourly tube coagulase results can be documented on the large accession label.

## New Business

### Cutoff Times for Wound Cultures

A suggestion was made to adjust the wound culture cutoff times to 0001-1600 and 1601-1900 for dayshift. This was considered but may have a negative impact on 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, which is already heavy on work. No action will be taken at this point.

### **New Hires**

Eric Main evening lab assistant, Savanna Castillo 80-h evening MLS, Conner Roberts 80-h evening MLS, Emily Proulx 64-h night lab assistant, Abigail Moody 70-h vacation/sick relief.

### **Fungus Cultures**

A question was asked about whether or not it was necessary to have separate test codes (CFC and CFS). Answer: Yes, there are different CPT codes based on the specimen source.

### **PCR Bench Workflow**

It was suggested that any BD MAX testing on 1<sup>st</sup> shift should be loaded before lunch so that the results would be off before the end of shift.

### **Reset Urine Cultures**

If you reset a urine culture, make sure to indicate the date in SREQ. If more staff on evenings need access to SSR, please let Jason know.

### **R&D Update**

No updates reported.

### **Kudos & Thanks!**

- Thank you Ashley for helping verify the Parasep O&P procedure! This got done much sooner than it would have without her help.
- Thank you Terri and Nate for always helping everyone!

The next Micro Council Meeting will be held  
**11/12/15 at 1700**