

Microbiology Laboratory Staff Meeting Minutes

October 9/19

12:00

1. Gram stains:

- We are going to switch to the new bottles.
- When a bottle is empty, put it in the red bucket.
- Urine bench tech will rinse the bottles on Mondays.
- Urine bench tech will refill the bottles on Tuesdays, including filtering the crystal violet.
- Laura S is waiting for new funnel to filter with.
- All bottles will be refilled including methanol and decolorizer.
- Everyone knows where extra gram stain and methanol is kept except Sally. Laura S will show her.
- If you take the last box of gram stain reagent out of the back cabinet, please write it on the Low Inventory sheet on the specimen fridge.

2. N390 Cards:

- Will be switching to new Vitek GNS cards called N390 probably in December when our current stock of the old cards runs out.
- Dr. Solomon is making new ASTM sheets for Gram negative bacilli as the new cards are very different than the old and contain different antibiotics.
- There are a lot of limitations of the cards, so please make sure to check Vitek printouts carefully and read the ASTM carefully.
- We will all work together to ensure this goes smoothly.
- It won't impact us as much as DynaLIFE as we don't get a lot of different organisms like they do but will still impact us.

3. New bench lights:

- Each bench now has lights so we can see!!!
- Please ensure to switch them off at the end of your shift.
- Laura S has also included it on the Evening Shift Reminder sheet to check and make sure they are all off.

4. Subbing LIM broths:

- Laura S suggests the urine bench tech subs out the LIM broths at 2 pm as we don't have a regular rotation of MLA and it is hard for them to remember.
- This way we can ensure it is always getting done.
- Everyone else thinks this is a good idea so we will do this going forward.

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5. P.aeruginosa QC:

- Has failed the Vitek QC a couple of times.
- Sally suggested we try incubating the sub plate on Tuesdays in O₂ to see if that helps.
- Solomon suggested we do an experiment and incubate one in CO₂ and one in O₂ and see if that helps so next week he will do this experiment and we will see what happens.

6. No one had anything else to discuss. Done at 12:30.