

Microbiology Laboratory Staff Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2020

12:00 – 13:00

1. Accel TB Wipes:

- Laura S wanted to make sure that everyone knew where they were being stored.
- They are being stored in the grey cabinet in the TB ante room.

2. N390 Cards:

- QC organisms are the same as the old cards.
- Moses, Solomon and David have had a chance to use the cards and have not found any issues.
- Amikacin is not on the new card. It needs to be reported if Gent/Tobra are resistant but it is the third line. Don't worry about sending this to DynaLIFE unless the organism is very resistant and the Dr. might need to use this drug.
- Fosfomycin is on the card but it is not validated for use. If the ASTM says to report this drug, we do need to send it to DynaLIFE since it is a second line drug.

3. Ordering:

- The hospital has changed the ordering system they are using to SAM.
- This is why I pre-ordered so much stock so that we don't run out during the transition period.
- Moses and David will be going for training downtown on February 18 to also learn how to order products.

4. Water orders:

- As per the email I sent out, there are no longer standing orders for water testing.
- Chantelle has not had a chance to do this and is not sure when she will have time for it.
- We will have to order them ourselves.
- Make sure to copy EHO. This will not happen automatically like it did when there was a standing order.

5. Vitek unidentified/needs review:

- If you have an isolate on the Vitek that needs to be reviewed, you need to review it, don't just leave it.
- If you have an isolate on the Vitek that is unidentified, you need to delete it.
- Having incomplete isolates on the Vitek holds up the que and prevents them from moving to long term storage.

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6. SoftCom:

- All the labs in the NTHSSA are not using SoftCom anymore to communicate.
- If you see a message on there, do not reply.
- You can let Laura S know if you think it is important though in case she needs to deal with it.

7. MGIT Validation:

- Laura S has started the MGIT validation.
- If there are positive tubes on the machine, just leave them. She will remove them.

8. UriSelect Growth:

- Solomon saved an example of turquoise colonies that were not Enterococcus and were Staphylococcus.
- Solomon also saved an example of an E.coli that was yellowish.
- This shows that sometimes you might get unexpected results on these plates.
- The procedure ensures that these types of examples will not result in incorrect results being released but we should all be aware that they do happen.

9. CMPT samples:

- Ensure the final report for CMPT specimens state if anymore testing is to be done or anything is to be sent out.
- Laura S uses the final report to enter results so if this information is not on there it won't get entered into CMPT.
- Also ensure when you are following someone else that they have performed all the correct testing as the person who finalizes the specimen is ultimately responsible for the results released.

10. Large packs of Etests:

- Laura S just wanted to make sure everyone was ok with the new larger packs.
- Everyone said they are fine and have no problems using them.

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11. Round table:

- Laura brought up a positive C.diff sample she had last night and the steps she did to ensure it was reported to everyone correctly. Thanks for sharing Laura!!!