

Laboratory Staff Meeting Minutes

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1. Amikacin:
 - Do not send isolates to DynaLIFE just for Amikacin testing as per Dr. Solomon.
 - It is the 3rd line and not even usually used by Dr's.
 - Only send if everything else is resistant and there are not many sensitive choices for the physicians.
2. KB disk falls off:
 - If a disk falls off during incubation, repeat the test even if it looks like there is still a clear zone.
 - Laura G had a situation where this happened and the interpretation went from resistant to sensitive when she repeated it.
3. Etest package insert:
 - You can throw these out as Laura S stores these in a binder and each package doesn't need them.
 - The etests get caught in them and it is annoying.
4. PA QC plate sub on Friday's:
 - This doesn't seem to be necessary anymore.
 - Not sure why there was a problem but it looks like it has been resolved so this isn't needed.
5. Moses GNS results:
 - Had a situation where the Amp was sensitive and the Amox-clav was resistant.
 - He phoned Dr. Solomon as per the ASTM.
 - She told him that since there were other antibiotics to choose from he could just make the amp resistant. However, he had a similar situation the next day and spoke with another microbiologist and they gave him different advice.
 - The suggestion right now is to always phone the microbiologist when the ASTM instructs you too as we cannot apply the answer from one day to other days.
6. Wednesday QC job aid:
 - Laura S has finished this document and it is on the bench to use.
 - Solomon tried it one day and found it helpful.

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7. Town of Fort Smith and Fort Smith Pool water samples:
 - These are 2 different locations. Please ensure you accession these samples correctly.
 - There were a few instances where the wrong location was ordered.


8. Iodine gram stain bottles:
 - These bottles have the red lid.
 - It is because the iodine clogs the spout so the red one is wider.
 - Please make sure the red lid goes on the iodine bottles.

9. MRSA batches:
 - Laura S wanted to make sure that we still think we need 2 batches.
 - Everyone said it works well and they like it so it will stay 2 batches at 12 and 5.

10. Vitek issues:
 - Cody from Biomerieux informed Laura S that the problems we are having will be fixed at our next PM. However, with the current situation that might not be for a while.
 - Please continue to do what we are doing, shutting down the instrument, every day.
 - This seems to be working for now.

11. Laura COVID-19 alternate:
 - I am the alternate for the COVID-19 lab team.
 - I have a teleconference every day at 9 am so my door will be closed.

12. Social distancing in the microbiology lab:
 - Laura S acknowledged that this is difficult in our lab as it is so small.
 - If people feel uncomfortable with what someone is doing they should address the issue and people shouldn't feel offended if someone feels uncomfortable with something they are doing.
 - David is going to try to not talk too much and minimize his activity when in the department.
 - Moses is concerned that we cannot not talk to each other. And we are all screened when we come in the hospital so should be safe.
 - Laura S has emailed IPAC and SOHS to ask them to come down and assess our department and offer some suggestions to the issue and make sure everyone feels safe at work.



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