

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021

12:15 to 12:45

Present: Laura S, Moses, Solomon, David, Laura G and Emily

1. Interesting COVID sample:
 - sample run on GX and was positive but with high CT >38
 - Rerun on BioFire and GX- was positive on GX and negative on BF
 - Emily phoned me and I suggested she repeat the sample on both but make sure the sample is well mixed. She did this and the BF was positive and the GX was positive
 - This is a good example of why we need to make sure we are following procedures and mixing the specimens effectively. This is the only reason that we can think of why this occurred
2. Large sharps container:
 - No longer available due to fire at factory
 - We really don't need to be using these for blood cultures. We can use the cardboard boxes for this as the bottles are now plastic
3. Task listing:
 - had a question about BV swabs sitting all weekend and the quality of the sample
 - We cannot ask physicians to not collect on Thursday and Friday
 - There is a cooler that goes to DynaLIFE on Saturday. We will all need to learn how to task list so we can send these samples out on this day
 - Jocelyn has made an excellent job aid for us to use to do this task and a few of us has had a chance to do this and it works well
4. Front label printer and phone:
 - Please use the label printers at your bench. It is very disruptive to the front bench when labels print on this printer
 - If you are unsure how to use it ask Laura and she will set it up
 - Some people are doing this and it is much appreciated
 - The phone beside the microscope is now fixed
 - Please use this phone when phoning results as using the front phone creates congestion for the front bench
 - If this phone is not working, please put in a task with TSC to fix. This doesn't have to be done by Laura Steven
5. Merging patient profiles:
 - If there are duplicate entries in Medipatient we are to email Elwood with the details and he can work with LIS to fix this
 - Moses tried to troubleshoot one of these incidents and could not fix. Asked Pearl but she couldn't either. Finally found out procedure is to inform Elwood and he will take care of it

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6. Round table:
 - No one had anything