

## Microbiology Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2022

12:15 to 13:00

1. Bench duties and checklists:
  - Laura S has changed the bench duties again to reflect the return of the 12 to 8 shift
  - Some duties have been transferred to the front bench
  - Please ensure you check your assigned bench duties and use your checklists
  - There is now a checklist for the front bench and the evening shift. Both are on the same page and are at the front bench
2. Future plans for the department:
  - Veronica will be returning soon, and Laura S will be hopefully hiring 2 new technologists for a 1-year term
  - There will be a lot of people in the department but that is good because we know how quickly things can change
  - Laura S plans on having a tech on the front bench when Phoenix is gone and may develop a genital bench and bring back all these specimens. Possibly a second evening tech or a second PCR shift depending on MTB testing roll out
3. Evacuation map:
  - During an accreditation exercise, Moses and Laura were asked where the evacuation maps were
  - Laura S wanted to make sure everyone knows there is one on each door leaving the lab (blood bank and core lab)
4. Fire extinguisher and pull station:
  - They also asked where the nearest fire pull station was. It is in the core lab, beside the chemistry fridge across from hematology
  - They also asked where the fire extinguishers were. There is one in micro lab and one in the TB lab
  - The lab does not maintain these, it is done by Dexterra if they ask
5. Cefazolin KB:
  - Laura S wanted to remind everyone that for GNB (except Pseudomonas) in non-urine samples need to have Cefazolin KB done
  - Make sure to remember this and it is in the ASTM
6. SCO2:
  - Don't use this code anymore
  - If only COVID is ordered, order PCCOV
  - SCO2 will send the whole panel across

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### 7. QC labels:

- The labels will change due to a new QC bug ordered for the new VRE plates
- Laura S will let everyone know when this happens
- The slants will change, and the weekly plate labels will change

### 8. Frozen QC bugs:

- Laura S isn't going to freeze them all this year
- The map will be updated
- Some bugs don't freeze well, and we don't use them very often. There will just be sticks in the fridge that can be subbed out when needed

### 9. Crystal violet:

- Running low and it is on back order until August
- Laura S had to order from Dalynn so will look different

### 10. Vacation planner:

- The planner on the door is just for you to use and plan with but it is not the guaranteed vacation time
- Laura S tried to update it but sometimes forgets
- Approved vacation requests are the official document

### 11. Positive MRSA and VRE:

- Can everyone save swabs of positive MRSA and VRE no matter where from
- There is a rack in the fridge to store them in
- This is for the new plate's validation

### 12. New ASTM:

- Laura S has not implemented this yet but there have been significant changes so this will be the main priority
- When it is introduced, please refer to it every specimen. Don't think you know what to report because they have changed

### 13: Roundtable:

- Solomon: Wanted to remind everyone that when you have a polymicrobial infection if you release the sensitivity on the first organism one day and then have a second organism the next day the first organism sensitivity may have to change due to co-isolation rules. Please always check the first organism again to ensure nothing has changed with the second organism. Laura G suggested if on the first day you think you may have a second organism that will affect the first to put a comment in TCOM
- Laura G: Needs masks. Laura S will order more.