

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022

12:15 to 13:15

1. Fixing gram stains:
 - There is no methanol in the lab right now. It is on back-order
 - We will just heat fix. We will turn up the temperature of the heat block to 55
 - This will be acceptable until the methanol is received
2. Can MRSA be referred if collected <48 hours apart:
 - Laura S says yes. We will use a week apart
 - This is for both groin and nares. Both can be referred to the other
 - If unsure, do the full workup
3. New folders for staff:
 - Please clean out your old folder and move what you are keeping into the new one
 - There are more folders for other forms
4. AP10 comment:
 - This is for deep wound and fluid samples that come from the neck or above
 - states that culture is being held for 10 days to look for Actinomyces
 - We will put the no anaerobes after 5 days comment add the AP10 comment and then finalize the sample
 - After the 10 days, the tech with the brucella plate will go into results entry and add the 10-day observations
5. Vitek yeast cards:
 - Can only report genus and species if Candida
 - If not, candida do not report the species
 - If it is significant will have to send to DL for full identification. If not significant either report yeast not C.albicans or what the genus is
 - Refer to procedure for need to report full id
 - Refer to bacteriology manual for reporting yeasts
6. Trays for deep wounds:
 - Try to put the BRU and KV in one tray by itself
 - Then when opening trays not exposing too many plates to air
 - Laura S ordered more trays
7. Gram stain for urethra swabs:
 - Do not report all bacteria
 - Report if WBC present or not present
 - Report if GNDC present or not present
 - Laura S has created a new stain test that will be attached to genital cultures with urethra as the source

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8. Scanning of requisitions into SoftMedia:
 - Make sure you check all the requisitions that they actually scanned
 - Don't just count, need to make sure they are all on the list before you complete
9. Minimum ID and blood cultures:
 - If you have a contaminate in a blood culture, do not give it a full id
 - Just give it a minimum ID, ex. CNS
10. Drugs we don't have here:
 - Don't report drugs off the ASTM if we do not have them here unless they are always reported the same way from another drug result we do have here
 - If everything we have is resistant, then we do need to send to DL for the extra drugs
11. Checklists and TQC:
 - A lot of duties are currently on checklists and on TQC
 - Laura S wants to know if this is too much or if people want one or the other
 - Everyone said they like both and it helps them not miss things
 - Laura S will add all duties to TQC, so they are all on both
12. Roundtable:
 - Moses: Discussed the NML requisitions and swabs. They only need very limited sample information, so it is easier to just write the accession number instead of using a label and blacking out the info not needed like name, HCN