

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

12:15 to 13:15

1. Laura S wanted to discuss some issues that arose from a former micro employee. There was a lot of gossip started by the person to the core lab that was very negative towards the micro lab. It was unfortunate as we are all part of the lab, we just do different things. Also, micro works very hard on keeping a positive environment in our department. The 2 things that were brought up by this person were:
 - i. Micro is not busy and we do not do any work:
 - ii. Micro does not know what we are doing and are not doing things rightLaura S went over both these things and the impacts they had on her and the rest of the department. It was good for the senior staff to express how it made them feel. There were probably more things said that were negative. Laura S let everyone discuss in our meeting and let them know if people want to talk 1:1 with her that is fine, just let her know. Laura S said that if anyone has any issues with our team work and it is something they want to work on just let her know
2. Micro department:
 - Micro has 5 indeterminate positions. Chelsea into Neahlanna's and Jen into Veronica's
 - Have 1 year term (Katie). When this is finished not sure if have another term. We will plan when that happens
 - Will go ahead and plan on having 6 technologists. One is always on vacation; one is always on rest days so have 4 techs. Because of this there will be 4 benches:
 - **Wound bench:**
 - Will work 8 to 4 and all duties have stayed the same
 - **Urine bench:**
 - Will work 8 to 4 on weekends and Mondays and 12 to 8 rest of the week
 - Some duties have changed: Will now check the receiving worklists (not collected, not received and not plated) daily regardless of time of shift. Will also read grams and assist front bench. Will be important with no more gram stain bench
 - **Receiving bench:**
 - Will work 8 to 4 Tuesday to Saturday while we have 6 technologists and all duties have stayed the same
 - **PCR bench:**
 - Some duties have changed: Will now do the TB lab and Micro lab shutdown. Will also read grams and assist front bench
 - PCR testing has been significantly reduced so should not take much time on this bench. Main portion will be reading grams and helping/doing front bench
 - **Weekly QC bench:**
 - Will continue and duties are the same

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- All duties need to get done. Make sure use checklists to remember who is doing what and Laura S will also put everything on TQC. If you are too busy or have free time everyone can help each other, just make sure to communicate so everyone knows who is doing what
3. Strep pneumo ID and sens reporting:
 - To ID SPN in non-sterile site, TXP is enough. For sterile site, need to do GPI as well
 - When reporting sens need to add the comment about the CLSI breakpoints. If meningitis, blood or non-sterile site. Laura S will make keypads for the drugs so the comments will be there
 - Laura S discussed the reason you report different interpretations is because SPN can spread in the body quickly and physicians need to know what drugs to use
 - Laura S went over the keypad with everyone. It is a little confusing. Laura S will look at it and simplify it
 4. Check resulting worklists:
 - Make sure you check your resulting worklist daily for your bench
 - This wasn't done a couple of times and lead to a lot of extra work for the tech following up on the bench
 - Also make sure the urine bench checks the receiving worklists. If there is a BC on the not received make sure it isn't already here. Should not be a BC on this list
 5. Eric is coming from Biomerieux. He will be here at 730 on Thursday. All cards need to be done by then
 6. Dexterra ticket:
 - This hasn't been working well
 - Carolyn gave Laura S the instructions for the negative pressure alarm. It is posted on the instruction sheet
 - Let Carolyn know if the alarm is going off so she can follow up
 7. ER/ICU not STAT:
 - They are getting multiple copies
 - Need to make sure you change from STAT to routine
 - Laura S will see if LIS can change this
 - We won't make the COVID STAT anymore. It really isn't STAT anymore
 8. Schedule:
 - Laura S wanted to confirm that everyone likes the extra tech on Saturday
 - Everyone does like this a lot and wants it to continue

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9. Safranin:

- Received 4 small bottles instead of a big one
- Try to rotate them in and discard old bottles when they are empty

10. Label printer:

- Laura asked if we wanted to switch them out
- The TB one is fading now
- LIS is really short right now but next week Laura S will try to get it figured out

11. Flu B:

- Has started to show up in Canada now
- Just be on the lookout for it
- We haven't had one here since we started this testing

12. Biomerieux lunch and learn:

- Will be happening on February 15
- The 6 of us will have lunch and watch the presentation then the rest of the lab can go for lunch
- Should be interesting and fun

13. Roundtable:

- No one had anything