

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023

12:15 to 12:45

1. Other lab deliveries:

- Laura S has written when IN, FS and HR send samples to STH
- This will help with the unreceived worklists so we know when to expect samples from these places
- Moses suggests that if a sample from FS and HR isn't received by Tuesday we need to contact the lab to determine where it is
- It seems that Inuvik is very consistent with their deliveries
- Try to call the lab, if you can't get ahold of anyone and the sample should be here by now then cancel it as not received at Stanton Territorial Hospital

2. Genital cultures:

- Laura S has changed the lower genital culture procedure. Now vulva and vagina are grouped together and penis and labia are grouped together
- This will give people better guidance when working up these samples
- Penis and labia will be treated like wound specimens but are ordered as genital and will have chocolate and TM added on
- Laura S confirmed, we always comment on the presence or absence of gonorrhoeae in upper genital tract cultures where the lower we only comment if it is asked for or there is indication that the testing is for STI purposes
- Moses asked if vulva culture grams should have BV. Laura S will find out but doesn't think it will
- Laura S also changed a lot of the wound bench specimens keypads and procedures so there are not so many choices for commensal flora vs skin flora. It will be a change for everyone so make sure to read the procedure. If anyone notices any errors, please let Laura S so she can fix

3. BioFire controls:

- Laura S had to order different controls. It is made up of control 1 which is positive for half the targets and control 2 which is made up of the rest of the targets. It is a little confusing. Not what we will stick with, but we need to use them up as they are very expensive. Laura S will combine 1 and 2 and make a "positive" control to be used. For the negative control, it is just the sample buffer with nothing else added
- The old controls have been ordered but we will use the other ones up first

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4. 2 monitors on wound bench:
 - Katie let Laura S know of a good idea of having 2 monitors on the bench, 1 for the LIS and the other for procedures
 - This is a great idea and we are going to try it. Laura S took one of the monitors not in use in the core lab and put it on the bench. It is a big monitor so not ideal but we will use it to try it out
 - If we like this, Laura S will order new smaller monitors that will take up less space

5. Roundtable:
 - Laura G: If receive labia swab but wound culture is checked off on requisition, do we order wound culture or genital culture? We will order genital culture to ensure we get the correct GC plates but we will now treat them as wounds so the ordering provider will get what they want