

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2023
12:15 to 12:45

1. Laura S off:
 - Starting tomorrow and next week
 - Moses will be acting on Thursday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Laura G will be acting next Thursday and Friday
 - If you have any issues bring them to the acting tech. They will escalate if necessary
2. Drugs in ASTM but we don't have the disks or E-tests for:
 - If there is a drug on the Vitek card that we get results for, but the ASTM says you need to do KB for certain results we will never report that drug
 - Linezolid is the example. The ASTM says to report for MRSA but if the results are R from the Vitek we need to do KB. We don't have this disk so we can't do KB. So, we will never report Linezolid
 - We also don't report the third line drugs if we don't have them and we don't send to DL
 - We want to keep things consistent
 - Laura G asked what we do when pharmacy calls and asks for other drugs to be reported that were run. It is best to tell them they need to speak to the microbiologist at DynaLIFE since they are the ones who wrote the ASTM and understand better than us. Their extension is X8227. Then the microbiologist will call us and let us know what needs to be done
3. Only one organism growing:
 - If only one organism growing you need to read the procedure even if the gram isn't good
 - One thing growing is usually significant so follow the steps in the procedure
 - The gram is important but still need to look at the procedure
4. Vitek cards:
 - If need to move some from the back walk-in fridge to the micro reagent fridge, don't just move a couple. Fill up the whole fridge. GPI/GPS/GNI and GNS all have room for 5 boxes. Make sure to check for any new lot numbers and put them away so that the first box of the new lot has the sticker when placed in the fridge
 - This is the same with the glycerol, LIM broths, THIO broths and strep reagents. They can be stocked up by anyone just make sure you understand where new lot numbers should go

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5. Monthly maintenance:
 - The wound bench is busy on Mondays so it is hard to do all the monthly maintenance on the first of the month
 - This is what we decided:
 - i. BACTEC – Done on first Monday of the month by the wound bench
 - ii. VITEK – Done on the first Wednesday of the month by the QC bench
 - iii. GX-IV – Done on the first Monday of the month by the PCR bench
 - iv. C.diff QC – Done on the first Wednesday of the month by the Spec. Receiving bench
 - As always, if someone is too busy to complete the maintenance it is good to ask for help. Everyone needs to work together but it is the responsibility of the person that has the maintenance assigned to them to ask for help. People can also ask if someone needs help
6. BA-C and CHO-C keypads:
 - Laura S removed the mixed oropharyngeal and mixed genital flora from the keypad as it is difficult for someone following when they don't know what the person saw specifically on the first or second days
 - Need to make isolates for what you see so all observations are listed in the work card
 - Let Laura S know if this doesn't make sense, or you are unsure what to do
7. Bleach wipes:
 - These can be used to wipe instruments for their maintenance
 - Need to still make sure you rinse the bleach off
 - Don't use Accel TB wipes. They are harmful to plastics and they leave a lot of soapy residue that is hard to remove
8. Schedule:
 - Laura S ask if everyone is still liking the 3rd tech on Saturdays and the 2 techs on evenings
 - Everyone said they do
 - If someone doesn't feel comfortable talking in the group you can let Laura S know and you can discuss in her office
 - There should have only been 1 person approved for vacation on the weekends. It hasn't been a problem before but is a problem now that we have the 3 on Saturday. The solution will be a tech will be scheduled for Monday to Sunday, have Monday and Tuesday rest days, work Wednesday, have Thursday and Friday rest days and then start the 7

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days again. This will solve the problem. People will see this occasionally on the schedule where 2 people are on vacation on the weekends

9. Roundtable:
 - No one had anything