

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2023
12:15 to 12:45

1. Katie:
 - Katie has accepted an indeterminant position and will be staying on in the micro lab
 - This is a great thing
 - Congrats Katie 😊
2. Drugs on Vitek card:
 - We decided a few meetings ago that we will not report drugs from the Vitek card if we don't have the disk or Etest if there are times these need to be run to confirm the Vitek results
 - This will keep everything consistent and will make sure we are not sometimes reporting a drug and sometimes not
 - Linezolid for *S.aureus* is an example. If it is resistant on the Vitek, we need to do KB but we don't have this disk. This would mean we would only report it if it is sensitive but not if it is resistant which will be confusing to the ordering locations
 - If anyone is confused about this please let Laura S know and she can help explain it better
3. TB Testing:
 - It has been decided that there will be 4 sputum samples collected for TB. One will be for the GX testing and the other 3 will be referred out for smear and culture
 - This is great news as it is difficult to share sputum samples
 - If only 3 are collected, STH will still run one on the GX and send the other 2 to APL
 - When this goes live, all sputum samples will go through the micro lab so we can sort through them and make sure they don't get mixed up by the core lab
 - This will mean we will be ordering both the GX testing (PCMTB) and the send out culture (MRAFB). If this gets to be too much then we will take all the samples, order and run the GX and then have the MLA order the send outs
4. G/A days:
 - These days were to read grams and to do mandatory training and reading
 - This has gotten confusing and Laura S is going to remove the G from these days and just make them admin days
 - If it is busy or we are short then this person may be assigned a bench or duties
5. Music in lab:

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- It is ok if people play music in the lab because it is so quiet in there
 - Laura S can buy a radio if people want that
 - As long as everyone agrees, it is ok
6. Confirm Vitek results with KB:
- If you need to confirm a Vitek result with a KB result, report the KB result
 - This will keep everything consistent and since this confirmation is needed, we will report the results for it and not the Vitek
 - An example of this is Cefazolin disk for gram negatives and SXT disk for S.aureus
7. Wound Culture SOP:
- Laura S had a meeting with Dr. Solomon to go over all the different reporting of commensal flora for the wound bench procedures
 - Follow the procedure and the keypad. If it isn't on the keypad, it probably shouldn't be reported
 - If anyone has any questions, ask Laura Steven
 - It is really good to use the second screen on the wound bench and to sort your specimens into the same sources and you can pull up that procedure and use it when you are working. It is really helpful, so give it a try
8. PCCOV:
- If you scan the accession barcode on the GX, it won't run COVID testing. The version associated with the test code in the LIS doesn't match the new version of the test
 - Until LIS is fully staffed again, we will just need to manually enter the accession number and then it works
 - The results will not go across to the LIS so we will need to manually result these tests
9. Roundtable:
- No one had anything to add