

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2023
12:15 to 12:45

1. Expired reagents go to inactive on TQC:
 - If a reagent expires, TQC automatically makes it not active
 - If your QC doesn't get ordered, it could be because the reagent is expired and there is no active lot in TQC
2. Positive Blood culture bottles:
 - When the sample is finalized, please discard bottles and fluid samples from incubator
 - It is easier if the person working on the sample does this so the person following doesn't have to check each sample
3. Vitek dispensette contamination:
 - This is happening frequently
 - From now on, if your McFarland is too heavy, add saline from a separate tube and not directly from dispensette. This is how the contamination is happening
4. All sputum samples coming to micro:
 - Laura S wants to see if all sputum samples are coming to micro so that we can go through them and then place ones that need to go for AFB culture back in specimen receiving
 - This isn't occurring always
 - Laura S will follow up on this
5. Stool samples from Inuvik:
 - If Inuvik gets a stool sample that has culture and C.diff ordered, they will send the whole sample to us. We will run the C.diff and then send the sample to Edmonton for culture
 - Make sure C.diff is crossed off on the requisition or DynaLIFE will run it again.
6. Respiratory bench:
 - Laura S wants to see how it is going and if it is helping
 - Everyone likes it and says it is helping
 - Soon Amy will be moving from the dark room, and we will move the microscope so the bench will have more space
7. DL isolate requisition:
 - If sending a sample to DL for extra sensitivity testing, check off susceptibility testing do not put the specific sensitive test you want i.e., ESBL
 - If they only do one sensitivity test it results in a report that the ordering location will not understand, and we will have to go into the LIS order and change it based on the DL report

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8. Checklists?

- Laura S has added most maintenance to TQC
- We want to keep this as it allows us to keep workload units for the maintenance we do
- Laura S wants to know if we still also want the checklists. Everyone said they do so they will stay
- Make sure to check TQC and result any maintenance you perform and check it off on the check sheet

9. Vitek Strep card:

- Just waiting for the approval
- Laura S will release the new ASTM for GPC at the same time
- The new ASTM has a lot of changes so we will want to take our time at the beginning
- Laura S also needs to change the keypads as we will not be doing KB or ET for Streps anymore

10. Roundtable:

- No one had anything