

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2023
12:15 to 12:45

1. Make gram stain first:
 - We have noticed a lot of specimens that have growth on plates but nothing seen on gram
 - In order to help with this, we will start making the slide first and then inoculating the plates

2. Positive GX MTB to ProvLab:
 - Laura S first wanted to clarify that Alberta Precision Labs, APL and ProvLab are all the same place. ProvLab was the former name but a lot of us still refer to it as this
 - If we get a positive MTB on the GX we need to let APL know. This is so they know they do not need to run it on their GX and they do not need to phone the results
 - Laura S worked with the manager at ProvLab and determined a secure file transfer (SFT) was the best way to do this. She tried it and it worked
 - Laura S made a quick document with how to do this. Laura G tried but her computer wouldn't let her access the SFT.
 - Laura S will work with everyone individually to make sure they understand how to do this and to make sure it works

3. CNA?:
 - Laura S wanted to know how everyone was liking having CNA automatically added to all wounds
 - Everyone said they like it and it isn't much extra work
 - Laura S confirmed we will keep this going forward

4. PCR QC:
 - We have now started doing all the maintenance for the GX and BF on Wednesdays by the QC tech but the QC for COVID, MTB and RPP are done on Mondays
 - Ideally the QC is run after maintenance
 - Laura S asked Chelsea to monitor the time she had left over when doing the weekly QC bench and she said it will be fine for this tech to do this QC
 - Starting August, the Wednesday QC tech will do the assigned maintenance and will run all the QC for GX and BF each week
 - Laura S will change these in TQC and will change on the bench duties document and checklist

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5. Laura S start time:
 - Laura S will be starting most days at 830.
 - If someone calls in sick and she needs to cover, she most likely won't be in the lab until 830 unless she gets advanced notice that someone will be away

6. Thermometers/ANO2 trays:
 - Laura S is aware some of the fridge thermometers are missing. She is waiting until core lab determines how many they need so they can be ordered together
 - Laura S is aware that many of the ANO2 trays are not working. She has tried to troubleshoot this but it hasn't been working. She is going to order new lids. In the meantime, we do have some of the old red jars that we can use if we are running low

7. PCMTB:
 - Laura S has added a comment to all PCMTB samples that states the sample was run on the GX and what MTB complex consists of
 - This will automatically be added to these samples

8. Roundtable:
 - Solomon: wanted to know if ordering locations need to write on the req. if they want AFB testing to be done on the GX. Laura S had told them that if they want GX testing, it needs to be indicated on the blue micro req. She said they should check off AFB but also write in the comments that GX testing is being requested. This didn't work with the testing earlier in the week so it is best to call the ordering location if you are unsure. If it is still confusing what needs to be done, phone OCPHO and get their guidance. This process is still not worked out completely but we will do what we can