

## Microbiology Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2023  
12:15 to 12:45

1. What to do when bacteria in gram is not on plates:
  - Laura S has made new comments to help with this and put them on the STGM keypads
  - Laura S has created a flow chart on how to handle this situation
  - We always want to make sure our gram and culture match but sometimes it is difficult due to overgrowth of other bacteria
  - Laura S has attached the flowchart to the end of these minutes and will also print off a copy and place on the specimen fridge
  
2. Reading QC plates and Vitek QC on Thursdays:
  - Laura S wasn't sure if this is getting hard for the urine bench tech to do
  - Everyone thinks it is ok, so this will stay like this
  
3. Laura S off:
  - Laura S is off next week and the week after
  - There will be different people acting for her
  - If there are issues, go to the acting person and they can escalate the problem if needed
  - Chelsea will be doing some acting as she has learned how to do the inventory for the department and this will give her a chance to work on this
  
4. Ask for help when needed:
  - If your bench is extremely busy, ask for help
  - Each duty is assigned to someone but it doesn't mean that person has to be the one to do it just that they are responsible for making sure it gets done
  - People sometimes have trouble asking for help so if you notice someone is getting really busy just let them know you can help and you are going to do ????? for them. We are all a good team that knows each other well so well we can work like this to make sure everything gets done and no one is overwhelmed
  - If it is busy on the weekends, OT is ok. Need to get approval from the PCC though before

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5. COVID sequencing:
  - OCPHO wants us to start doing this again
  - We are going to start sending them to NML as it will be an easier process
  - OCPHO only wants inpatients and ER patients sent but if this is too confusing, we can send them all
  - Until the process is worked out, continue to just freeze and log into the log book
6. ST VITEK card validation:
  - The validation has been approved
  - We will start using the card when Laura S gets back from leave
  - We will be using the card and the new ASTM for GPC
  - Thank you very much to Chelsea, Jen and Katie for taking on this project. It was a big one and the use of this card will make our workload a bit easier
7. Trichomonas validation:
  - We have 20 positives and are working on 20 negatives
  - We have done the reproducibility with the QC
  - We will continue to run a few more positives just in case DL wants more
  - This new test will be a great addition to the micro lab
8. BioFire BCID pouches:
  - Laura S has ordered more the BioFire blood culture ID tests
  - We cannot report results based on these
  - We can use them if we are uncertain of the gram in a positive blood culture
  - They are very expensive so try to only use if needed
9. Roundtable:
  - Solomon: Had a negative WP that he ran the new trich test on and it was positive. The swab was 2 days old. Laura S explained that the new trich test detects Trichomonas antigens. These antigens are present even after the organism has died. This is a good example of why this test is better than wetprep especially since a lot of our specimens are on the older side