

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023

12:15 to 12:45

1. Performance document:
 - Laura S would like everyone to enter at least 1 learning goal
 - This goal needs to be specific and measurable. We need to be able to measure if you did or didn't complete the goal
 - Everyone can add more than 1 learning goal. These goals will determine if any PDI requests are approved
 - Everyone can also add objectives. Laura S will add some but if there is something at work you want to take on or learn, this can be an objective
2. TC if RS+ in sterile site:
 - If have SA in a sterile site, you can call it SA from the RS
 - We do the TC to confirm ID but don't have to wait for TC to be finished
 - If the TC isn't positive, we will have to correct the report, but this rarely happens so won't be an issue
3. Trich. Test:
 - This new test has been validated
 - Laura S wanted everyone to know that the test is only for Trichomonas from vaginal specimens. Not to be used for male urethra specimens
 - Laura S confirmed that everyone feels comfortable with the test from the validation
 - Laura S will let everyone read the procedure and do a quick training checklist just to document this
 - The kits had to be ordered and when they arrive, we will start the test
 - Each box needs to be QC'd. Not sure how we will document this. Might need to be an on-demand order in TQC. To be determined
 - Laura S is going to ask LIS to put in a rule that if SCWPT is ordered it will automatically be switched to SCTRI (new code)
 - If a male urethra specimen is received, the rule will need to be taken off. We rarely get these specimens so won't be an issue
4. Adenovirus/Human Metapneumo. Virus:
 - The samples have been sent for the validation
 - When these 2 targets are approved, we will start reporting them
5. Positive COVID to NML:
 - We are going to start sending positive COVID to NML for variant screening/sequencing like previously discussed
 - When we get a positive COVID, we need to order ?REFN now
 - The NML req for these is an excel spreadsheet. Laura S has saved the spreadsheet on the Microbiology drive
 - NML needs a printed copy of the spreadsheet and also needs an email copy
 - Laura S will do the first group of them to learn the process better

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6. BioFire kit change:
 - BioFire has changed the look of their kits
 - The metal tube inside has changed, and the white package of the pouch has changed. The main change is the outer box. It will be blue on the sides and not red
 - Laura S has printed out the alert if people are interested

7. Monthly maintenance/weekly QC:
 - Laura S just wanted to confirm that for the month of September, all the monthly equipment maintenance is done. Just need to result in TQC when it comes up
 - It was decided the weekly PCR QC (RP2.1, COVID, C.diff and MTB) will be done by the respiratory bench on Wednesdays not the QC bench
 - Just need to make sure QC isn't done before the maintenance is done. To help with this, the QC person needs to make sure maintenance is done in the morning

8. Debrief:
 - This is in regard to the evacuation
 - Everyone will be invited to a debrief session put on by the hospital and then lunch will be provided after
 - It was asked if it is ok if micro and core go together. Everyone said this is ok
 - The MLA will have their own session
 - It is voluntary but encouraged. Also, you don't have to talk if you don't want to. It is up to everyone what they want to do

9. MTB QC:
 - NML is going to provide us with the MTB QC vials but we realized today there is only 2 not the 3 like before
 - Laura S isn't going to change the sheets, just put a line through the one that isn't being run
 - The schedule will be messed up, but we will try to get back on track. The schedule for modules is just to try to make sure it rotates. It isn't essential that it is exact

10. Evacuation discussion:
 - One thing that everyone mentioned was they weren't sure who to put their manager was, Jen or Cynthia. Laura S confirmed that until the lab manager job is filled, Jen is considered your manager