

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2023

12:15 to 12:45

1. Check requisitions on already ordered samples from Inuvik, Hay River and Ft. Smith:
 - We all know that the other labs do not order samples correctly. However, if they are doing the ordering the responsibility is on them to make sure they are following the requisition. Laura S thinks it is too time consuming to check every req. so please only do if something seems strange or you can tell it's wrong
 - Let Laura S know of errors so she can follow up with the ordering lab
2. New cabinets:
 - When these are installed, we won't have access to the sink or the urine bench
 - We will just use the sink in the TB room and make it work
3. MTB testing:
 - We will not do the testing unless the requisition specifically says they want the GeneXpert or PCR or something that resembles the testing we can do here
 - Also, only call the floor if it seems like that is what they want but you are not sure. We won't call them for all samples as this is causing more confusion
4. 1 colony on a sterile urine:
 - There was a sterile urine that had 1 colony growing. It ended up being a weird contaminant and took a lot of work and time to get that conclusion. Even though it is sterile, need to be objective if only 1 colony grows
 - Ask Laura S for thoughts if this happens and you are not sure
5. Roundtable:
 - Moses: Wanted to confirm the lab does not order community samples. Wanted to bring it up because when we receive a genital swab and a GenProbe tube, micro-orders the GenProbe. This could be confusing. Laura S will check on this
 - Laura S: Wanted to talk about the fire situation. It is very scary and there are a lot of rumors. We should trust that the right decisions will be made to make sure we are safe