

## **Microbiology Meeting Minutes**

September 27, 2023

12:15 to 13:00

- 1. Acknowledge that everyone is here today. First time since evacuation. Great to see everyone's faces  $_{\bigodot}$
- 2. AMC IV:
  - In the GNB ASTM, there are times when AMC IV needs to be reported
  - This is a KB order and there is a KB drug called AMC IV
  - AMC oral is the VITEK results. It is only called AMC and does not specify oral but Laura S cannot change that. We haven't had any inquiries about this so assuming it is self explanatory to order locations
- 3. Sexual assault:
  - This is a qualification for CXGEN in vaginal swabs
  - Laura S has added it to the BV flowchart
- 4. Trichomonas rapid test:
  - Laura S repeated that this test is good for vagina, cervix and urethra swabs
  - The delay comment was to be added if the specimen was greater than 48 hours old but this doesn't match the comment added to BV and these 2 tests are ordered together
  - Confirmed that we want these 2 tests to stay ordered together
  - Laura S will think about this and communicate what we will do
- 5. Weekend:
  - Continues to be very busy
  - The wound bench needs to come in, do QC and work on their bench. They will not be doing any extra work until their bench is done
  - The urine bench is getting busier now. They will come in and do their bench only until it is done. They will not be doing any extra work
  - When the wound bench and urine bench are done their benches, they will help out by ordering samples, reading grams, etc.
  - The front bench will be the busiest. They need to come in, do all the start up, get samples from the core lab, order/plant samples, do respiratory bench, read grams, answer phone, etc.
  - Communication is the main thing that needs to be done on the weekend. Everyone has to work together to make sure everything gets done
  - If you need help, ask. If you can offer help, let everyone know
  - Teamwork is very important on the weekends
  - On Sunday, the wound bench may be busy so the urine bench will need to do their bench and the front but usually they are not as busy
  - It all depends on the weekend and again communication and team work will guide how the work gets done

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- 6. Roundtable:
  - Moses: Micro gets many calls for the core lab. On the weekend, these take a lot of our time. Laura S will talk to other supervisors about this. She thinks the issue is micro always answers the phone and people know this
  - Moses: Requisitions are not being completed properly and this results in a lot of phone calls. Veronica has made a form for this that we fill out and tube to the ordering location with the requisition. We will try this and see if it helps.
  - Moses: We get a lot of phone calls here about tests we do not perform. Asked if there was a cheat sheet of what is done where but going forward, if get a call about testing that isn't done at STH, give them the number for DynaLIFE and they can call them and find out about the sample type or whatever other questions they have
  - Solomon: wants to make sure the form created for incomplete requisitions is simple and will not take time to fill out. Laura S will get everyone's feedback and we can determine if the form is good or if we want to make our own