

## Microbiology Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

13:00 to 13:30

1. Forwarding phone calls to core lab if they are about core lab samples:
  - Transfer call to 46465. This is the specimen receiving extension and rings to the whole core lab
  - If they call you back because no one answered, tell them you are sorry, but they will need to call back later and give them the extension 46465 to use
  - We cannot spend time trying to track down someone from the core lab and we cannot answer questions about these samples
2. Form for incomplete requisitions:
  - Last week we talked about the form to use if the floors do not fill out a requisition correctly but Laura S found out after we are not allowed to tube requisitions so we cannot use the form
  - We will have to continue to make phone calls about these issues
3. CPR class:
  - This class says on MyLearning that it is 4 hours but there is a condensed version for lab staff that is 2 hours
  - Laura S has been given permission to authorize OT for this course
  - It can be done on a rest day or morning if working evenings, but OT cannot be paid for the entire morning if the course is only 2 hours
4. Subsequent positive blood cultures:
  - If subsequent bottles go positive for the same patient with the same organism, we do not need to call ever time
  - If you are not sure it was already called, then definitely call it but if you know it has already been done, don't need to do it again
  - It could cause confusion with the floor, and they don't really want the phone call either
5. Vancomycin Etest on MRSA in sterile sites:
  - The ASTM says if you have MRSA from a sterile site, you need to do the vancomycin etest
  - We wouldn't really know if someone is going to be MRSA positive but if you think they will be you could set the VA ET just in case
  - Laura S doesn't want this set up for every SA just in case so we will most likely always be doing it after MRSA is confirmed on VITEK
  - The ASTM says to send out a prelim. Vancomycin result with comment but don't do that, just send vancomycin out when it is confirmed

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6. Share competency testing and results:
  - Solomon suggested a great idea that we should share the competency testing results as they are being done and discuss what we are seeing and finding
  - Then we can also discuss the results when they come back
  - This is because only 1 person usually gets to work on these, and they are usually very interesting
  - Laura S thinks this is a great idea, so we will start doing this at our meetings as we get them
  
7. Susceptibility testing from CNA:
  - Katie has noticed some weird results for susceptibility testing done off CNA
  - Laura S tried to research this but didn't find anything
  - It makes sense because CNA has antibiotics in it
  - We will monitor this but if you have weird susceptibility results and it was done from CNA, repeat it from BA
  - Also, try to have a purity plate made of the isolate from the CNA to BA just in case it needs to be repeated
  
8. No ID/SENS for GNB LF and NLF:
  - Moses noticed that there is no option on the keypads to add the listing of GNB
  - Laura S will fix this
  
9. RP2.1 QC on TQC:
  - Laura S can see this is still coming up on TQC on Mondays
  - Laura S tried one more thing. If this doesn't work than she will ask Lena to have a look
  
10. PYR positive:
  - On the weekend, there was a situation where PYR was reported as positive on S.aureus
  - This should never be the case. It was determined that the test was read wrong
  - A positive result is always a bright pink, almost purple. IF there is just a slight pink on the disk this is not positive
  
11. Trich Delay:
  - We will add this after 24 hours, to match BV

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### 12.Roundtable:

- Moses brought up the issue with monthly maintenance on the VITEK. When replacing boats there is an error and need to call service to resolve it. If this happens again, we will need to have them come here to fix this as there is something wrong. Solomon will be doing the maintenance next month so Laura S and him will do it together and see if it happens again
- Solomon brought up that if BV and SCTRI is ordered from FS, the SCTRI is not on the label. Laura S thinks it has to do with the way they are ordering the test. She will investigate and let everyone know what she finds