

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023 12:15 to 12:45

1. NML COVID report:

- Laura S showed everyone the report from NML with the COVID variant testing
- It is difficult to understand but if anyone wants to have a look for interest it is on the specimen fridge

2. Bayo presentation:

- Lisa will be presenting Bayo with his long service award as Friday will be his last day and Lisa is away
- Come join to show your support for Bayo
- It will be around 130ish

3. Pantoea spp.

- This is treated the same as Enterobacter for susceptibility testing
- If you want to use the Vitek, change the organism's name to Enterobacter and then use the results from the Vitek card for *Pantoea*
- Might be difficult due to corrected reports but Laura S will look at this further

4. Supplies coming to lab:

- When you walk by the area in the core lab where supplies are delivered to, always have a look for anything for micro and bring it into micro
- One box of supplies got mixed in with the other boxes out there and sat for a few days
- Laura S has asked Lisa if this area can be cleaned up and this will be done

5. STAT COVID samples:

- Laura S wanted to give recognition to Moses
- He was the specimen receiving tech and 6 STAT COVID samples came from Norman Wells
- Instead of saving the specimens for the respiratory bench tech at 12 he processed them himself and they were almost all positive
- This is a great example of teamwork and thinking of patient care. This wasn't on his bench to do but he recognized how important they were and got them done and NW was very happy about this quick turnaround time

6. Papers for COVID/PCRES:

- If the Ct value is put into TCOM, you do not need to keep the GX printout.
 The Ct value is all that is needed to send to NML
- Laura S still hasn't decided what to do with the other respiratory positives. Just keep doing what we are doing for now



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7. Roundtable:

- Moses: Wanted to talk about the CMPT paper challenge. He did not get the right answer and just wanted to say it was a good learning experience for him and he liked reading the explanation from CMPT. Laura S said she will start sending these out to everyone as they are a great learning tool for everyone to use