

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023

12:15 to 12:45

1. Urines with culture and urinalysis:
 - MLA in core are going to order both urinalysis and culture if it is requested
 - They are also going to scan the requisition
 - We will just get a urine sample that has a LIS label
2. Bench reorganization:
 - Everyone can see we have reorganized the micro lab
 - We will try it out and see what we think
 - Have to figure out where QC person will work
 - Ultimately will move microscope into dark room
3. BC to be kept:
 - There is a blood culture that the coroner asked to be kept
 - It is in the incubator in a biohazard bag that says to keep
 - Not sure how long we need to keep it for but will just keep it for now
4. Laura S on vacation:
 - Laura S will be on vacation starting Friday and will be back on the 22nd
 - She is going away, so please don't contact her. LOL
 - Solomon, Laura and Chelsea are the responsible person
 - Chelsea will be doing the major portion of this duty so please support her
 - She will need to make sure ordering gets done so please rearrange time to give her the time to do this
5. STAT swabs from OR:
 - We have already talked about this but please make sure to look through all biohazard bags received in the evening to make sure there isn't a STAT one in there
 - Good plan is in the morning come in the core lab door, take the freezer temperature and then gather supplies from the evening. When bring them back to micro, quickly look through the bags and make sure there isn't a bag with the STAT sticker on it
 - Check the bags before processing any positive blood cultures. Will only take a second
 - If there is one there, treat it like a STAT specimen and process it right away. Only positive blood culture, CSF or fluid should come before it
6. Biosafety:
 - Laura S is going to make a micro specific biosafety procedure
 - The map won't be in effect anymore and the stickers will change
 - Carolyn might be coming to micro today at 3 to discuss this
 - When it is complete, Laura S will make sure everyone understands and is comfortable with the new process

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7. ADV/HMPV:

- Lena has already turned these tests on in the LIS
- We will just start reporting them now
- Report the same as the other targets, just need to final the results
- If positive, should automatically print to OCPHO. Just make sure this is happening with the pop up box
- Freeze positives and log in logbook
- Procedure is updated so refer to it if questions

8. Speaker/radio:

- Laura S was going to buy one but didn't realize how expensive they are and wasn't sure what to buy
- If people want to start a fund to buy one that would be a good idea
- It is very quiet in micro, so this will be a good thing, but we need to make sure everyone agrees with the music choice and volume level
- If people are not comfortable with this just let Laura S know
- Be mindful of people on the phone

9. Roundtable:

- Jen: Wanted to confirm if there is a urine culture sample that is already ordered that urinalysis sample is already poured off. Yes, the MLA will pour off any samples that need urinalysis and just give us the container for culture