

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2023

12:15 to 13:15

1. Laura S off tomorrow:
 - Laura S is taking a vacation day tomorrow
 - Chelsea will be the responsible technologist
 - Laura G is going to come in and do ERAP training for Laura Steven
2. Steroscope:
 - Laura S took the CSMLS anaerobe course. It talked about using the stereoscope to look at anaerobic plates to make sure growth isn't missed
 - Don't need to check each plate but if you have a pure growth of an aerobic organism it might be good to look at the anaerobic plate under the stereoscope just to make sure there isn't something else there
 - If there is a lot of aerobic growth, I wouldn't worry about it as there will be lots of colonies on the anaerobic plate
 - Laura S can show anyone interested how to use it
 - It will ideally go in the dark room when Amy moves but for now Laura S has moved it to the VITEK bench. If someone has a better place for it, just move it or let Laura S know
 - There was one CMPT from a couple of years ago that had E.coli growing but there was also an anaerobe that we missed. The stereoscope may have caught this
3. Dtest for KB tab for SPN:
 - Let Laura S know that for the other, there is no KB tab for the Dtest
 - Laura S will investigate and fix this issue. Thanks for letting her know
4. NWHP/NOW:
 - Let Laura S know that when we get samples for these clinics, it doesn't say which one it is just says OBS
 - Laura S said if it says OBS then send it there. It is too time consuming for us to try to call multiple locations to figure out what exact clinic it is. If it says OBS and they don't want it, it might help get the issue of requisitions not being filled out correctly
 - Also let Laura S know that there is issue with Avens, they put the Dr, but they don't have an Avens location code. Laura S will try to figure this one out, should be able to solve it
5. CSF after hours, where to put plates:
 - Theresa asked where they put plates if they plant a CSF
 - The job aid says to put it in NEW WOUNDS. This is where we will have them put.
 - Laura S is creating a training checklist for core lab techs and MLAs, and this will be included on the training

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6. Min. ID for potential pathogens:
 - Example one was S.lug. The SOP says to list but not sure what to use to list it. Laura S will look at the procedure and make it more clear
 - Example two was G.vag. The SOP says to list but again not sure what to list it as. Laura S will investigate
 - Example three is S.aureus in sputum that isn't predominate. Laura S will review the SOP and make sure it is clear
 - Lising should be just a minimal ID. If we give full ID they will expect sens as well, so it needs to be vague or included with commensal flora

7. Microscope:
 - Laura S wanted to confirm that we like the respiratory bench to be just that bench and not have a microscope. Everyone said YES so that will remain
 - This means that for now, we will keep the microscope in the TB room. It can be annoying for little things like wet prep, but Laura S will add wet prep supplies in that room so don't have to carry wet prep into the room and risk dropping it
 - The fluorescent microscope can be used as a regular microscope. Laura S is going to try to set it this way. The ultimate plan when Amy moves will be to have the dark room be the main microscope room, but we will keep the second microscope in the TB room so that we have 2 that are connected to a computer

8. Vacation requests for next year:
 - This process will be starting soon
 - We will need to follow the rule of only one person off at a time and that will include weekends
 - It caused issues this year so next year, only one person can be off on the weekend at a time

9. CMPT survey:
 - Laura S wanted to go over the last survey but since we have a big meeting today we will do it next week
 - It was very interesting
 - Laura S wanted to let everyone know that she has been asked to be on the CMPT committee. This means that she knows all the answers for the surveys and will need to be careful when helping with these
 - These surveys should be treated like a patient, and they are important. We can't rush them, and they can be used to measure your performance

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10. Densicheck:

- Katie had an issue where the densicheck was reading a lot heavier than the tube looked
- She calibrated it and it wasn't correct. After troubleshooting the issue was resolved
- Laura S wanted to bring this to everyone's attention as we use technology during our work but sometimes it isn't correct, and we also need to use our own manual skills and recognize when something isn't right

11. BioFire:

- Laura S and Chelsea dismantled the BioFire that isn't working yesterday
- We only need 1 so the modules and other parts were put in the storage room across the hall
- If both BioFires come up on TQC next month just result them both but let Laura S know. She thinks she fixed it but...

12. Micro call:

- Laura S is going to make the micro call list more clear
- She was called in when she was on vacation and didn't answer the phone and the next person was not called
- Laura S will also include this process in the core lab tech/MLA training, so they understand how it works
- Micro isn't really on call, it is voluntary, but people like to do it cause it is usually easy and you get a call back
- If the new people want to be included on this list, send Laura S a message and let her know and let her know the number you want to be called at
- It is voluntary and even if you are the first person on the list it doesn't mean you have to answer the phone or come in because we are not truly on call. It is voluntary

13. Monthly maintenance:

- Laura S wanted to see how the division of the monthly maintenance was going
- Everyone said it was good
- Laura S wanted to remind everyone that what comes up on TQC is just a reminder of what needs to be done but it needs to also be recorded on the equipment form. This form is the official record of what was done and needs to be documented
- Laura S noticed a couple of things were not signed off on the forms
- Laura S still needs to show everyone what the freezer maintenance involves, and this will get done in the next couple of weeks

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14. Pen resistant S.pneumo:

- There was a blood culture with S.pneumo in it and the penicillin was resistant. This is a rare result. It was sent to DL, and this was confirmed
- Laura S wanted to let everyone know since this is something that never used to happen so interesting how organisms are gaining resistance

15. Roundtable:

- No one had anything