

## Microbiology Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2023

12:15 to 13:15

1. Question about name of susceptibility columns that appear on final report:
  - Last week we discussed how the susceptibility column are separated based on how the testing was done and VITEK is called Auto, Kirby Bauer is called KB and Etest is called BP
  - We are getting calls asking what KB means and how can they interpret the results
  - Laura S has asked Dr. Solomon how the columns should be named, do they need to be separate, does Etest need the MIC value. She will let everyone know what is said
  - Laura S and Lena has changed the KB to Disk Diffusion. This might help. We had to spell diffusion wrong as there wasn't enough room for 2 f's. Hoping no one will notice 😊
  - After discussing this, the column name Interpretation might work for all of them, but we will wait and see what Dr. Solomon says
  - Moses suggested putting a comment at the bottom of the report, but we will wait and see what Dr. Solomon says before we change anything else
  
2. Micro suggestion box:
  - Laura S has purchased a ballot box that will be used as the microbiology quality suggestion box
  - It is for suggestions that will improve the quality of the microbiology lab
  - It can have your name or be anonymous. Also, you can write or print them off and put them in
  - They need to be realistic suggestions, things that we can most likely do
  - It is for when people don't feel comfortable saying suggestions, but they have good ideas. We are a pretty open group, and everyone's ideas are important so this will insure that all ideas can be researched
  - It will just be for micro. Laura S will let core and MLA know about this and they can add suggestions for the micro lab if they have ideas or concerns about things we do that might affect them
  
3. Positive BC just before 8 pm:
  - If the BACTEC goes positive right before 8, we need to stay and plant and do the gram stain
  - This is the same for positive bottles from Inuvik. Don't stay waiting for them to arrive but if they get here, we need to treat them like our positive cultures
  - Call the PCC to get approval for OT and make sure to record the accession number on the OT sheet

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4. Ordering send out samples:
  - If we order referred out samples (UCHL, MRGEN, ETC) and the box comes up asking for source, antibiotics, etc. make sure you enter something in each line, or the MLA cannot task list the sample
  - Laura S will confirm what needs to go in the boxes and will let everyone know
  - We discussed micro ordering these tests at all. It was decided that if it is an inpatient and we have time we will order them and then have the MLA task list them. Laura S will ask Veronica if it is more confusing if sometimes we order them and sometimes we don't and we will discuss this at our next meeting
  
5. COVID sick leave:
  - If you use COVID sick leave, you need to have done a COVID test that is positive
  - Take a picture of the positive test
  - You won't necessarily be asked for it, but it could be so have it in case you are
  - Make sure it is a rapid test or an ordered PCR test
  
6. PCRES copying to OCPHO/IPAC:
  - Lena has made some changes when added Adenovirus and HMPV
  - Make sure they are copying to OCPHO
  - Also make sure everything is copying to IPAC as required
  - If something isn't working, send Laura S an email or TEAMS so she is aware and can follow up with Lena
  
7. MLA short staffed:
  - The MLA department is very short so make sure when you go look for samples, look in the yellow bucket at the front window
  - There isn't a lot of staff up there to make sure these things are being brought back to us
  
8. MLA questions:
  - A couple of weeks ago we discussed some MLA questions
  - Laura S sent them to Veronica
  - We discussed the questions and answers
  - Laura S will attach these to the meeting minutes for everyone's reference

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10. Roundtable:

- No one had anything to discuss