Microbiology Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024
12:15 to 12:45

1. Positive COVID:
   - We will begin sending to NML again
   - We will batch them and send when there are 10
   - Katie is doing a job aid with the process to send them out. She went over it with Solomon today and he said it is understandable

2. Stool cultures to micro:
   - A lot of C.diffs are being sent to DL probably because the MLA are missing them or not sure that we do them here
   - Laura S is proposing we have all stool samples sent to micro and we can look at the requisitions and make sure C.diff isn't requested
   - Laura S also thinks we should order stool culture and O&P if it is requested and if ordering is required. This won't be extra work for us, and it will ensure it is done correctly
   - Everyone agrees that this is manageable and something we can do
   - Laura S will send an email to the MLA to let them know this and will add the stool culture and O&P ordering codes to the referred out testing job aid

3. COVID in Inuvik:
   - Inuvik is no longer doing COVID testing
   - They will keep their GX so they can run the QASI samples but will not run patients
   - We need to keep in mind if we get a positive it is even more important now we call it to the ordering location as it won't already be known

4. Catalase:
   - We are now going to use peroxide
   - The bottle we were getting from Daylynn is expensive and it doesn't last long
   - Laura S has put a dropper at each bench, but we will just QC the one on the wound bench since it is all the same reagent
   - Laura S also added a bottle of saline by the microscope and a new bottle for oil. Moses said this new bottle is better for the oil

5. Roundtable:
   - Katie: HR has issues labelling blood cultures. They are putting the wrong label on the wrong bottle. Laura S was under the impression that HR was not sending us any micro due to transportation issues. She will confirm.
   - Moses: Asked Laura S about her Saturdays. She was going to discuss when she was finished but gave a brief summary. More to come next meeting.

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