

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2024

12:15 to 12:45

1. Delay comment on micro samples:
 - As previously discussed, we will add the delay comment when we receive a sample not when we plate it
 - This isn't ideal but the fact that we don't plate all evening shouldn't affect the patient's sample report
 - The good thing is the sample is with us in the lab and we can control how it is stored. The time from receipt to plate shouldn't effect the sample very much and doesn't need a comment

2. Autoclave bags:
 - Micro uses the clear autoclave bags for the discard container in the BSC and uses the orange autoclave bags for the red specimen bins
 - Laura S has moved these bags to a green bin that is under the BSC. This is so we can see what bags we have in inventory now
 - There will also be a box of each of these bags kept in the grey cabinet in the ante room. If you need more bags, transfer them from this box to the green bin and write on the low tally sheet that new bags need to be ordered

3. KV agar:
 - Laura S noticed that we seem to use these plates regularly and it is easier if there are some left out, so they are warm
 - She made a rack and labelled it KV to keep these in
 - We don't need to keep a whole sleeve out but around 5 plates would be good

4. Label printers:
 - Laura S wanted to review the label printers we have in micro
 - There is the main printer in specimen receiving, the printer in the TB room and then each bench has its own label printer
 - The one in TB can be used if more than one person wants to order samples
 - Please make sure to use your desktop printers for subculture plates

5. Coolers in specimen receiving:
 - On Saturday, Laura S noticed the cooler wasn't being opened when it arrives and at 2 there were a bunch of micro samples
 - Laura S talked to Jocelyn, and she said it will be fine if micro opens the coolers and takes out micro samples
 - Micro will not be emptying the cooler, just taking out micro and closing it back up

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6. CMPT critiques:
 - Laura S is going to start saving these to MTS and assigning to everyone
 - They are very informative and a great way to get in some professional development

7. HR samples:
 - Laura S confirmed that all HR micro samples are going to Edmonton
 - This includes blood cultures

8. Roundtable:
 - No one had anything