

## Microbiology Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

12:15 to 12:45

1. S.pneumo on new VITEK AST card:
  - Penicillin is called benzylpenicillin on card. They are the same thing
  - There is penicillin-pneumonia: This does not apply to us, so ignore this
  - Penicillin-meningitis and penicillin-oral are what they are. Penicillin-other is penicillin-non meningitis
  - Laura S cannot change these on the card
  
2. SOP for micro:
  - All procedures are supposed to be approved by NTHSSA policy department and placed on our NTHSSA
  - It has been requested that this happens with micro SOP
  - Laura S is in the process of doing this. Once approved, they will be reprinted and placed in binders, uploaded to the shared drive and will be on our NTHSSA
  - Please don't save any procedures on your desktop because if changes are made the ones saved won't update
  
3. Micro workload and staffing:
  - The lab forced growth application that would give micro 7 technologists and the core lab extra staff was denied
  - This means that micro will still have its 5 technologists and 1 supervisor
  - We currently have 6 staff members to fill in for upcoming retirements but as soon as 1 technologist leaves, they will not be replaced
  - We will need to rearrange our bench set up and need to give up some work
  - As previously discussed, BV, Trich, genital cultures and throats will be the first things to go
  - Then we may look at not doing YPCC samples
  - We have time to do this which is a positive thing so we can decide what we can do
  - Will only have 2 people on Saturday so this will be our biggest area of change
  - Micro has done such an amazing job of proving what we can do with 6 technologists so I think it will be felt when we start sending stuff out
  
4. CRE and CRO:
  - CRE is carbapenem resistant Enterobacterales
  - CRO is carbapenem resistant organism
  - OCPHO has asked questions about this because we had a PA that was resistant to meropenem, and we copied it to them
  - The OCPHO reportable sheet does only say CRE, but they are going to change that to CRO as it is something they should know about

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### 5. Lunch and learn:

- Biomerieux is going to do another lunch and learn
- Some things they are going to discuss are the automated gram stainer, the FlexPrep software and the VITEK PRIME
- It will be on March 20
- We need to think about what we want for lunch. Please let Laura S know by the end of the week

### 6. Roundtable:

- No one had anything