

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2024

12:15 to 12:45

1. New OCPHO reportable list:
 - OCPHO has made a new reportable list
 - It looks like they made more for nursing. It is not user friendly for lab. They actually weren't even gone to send it the lab
 - Jen N went through the list and highlighted what is new and what is different
 - Laura S needs to think about the easiest way for us to use it. When she does she will let everyone know that it is now in effect and a summary of what is different
2. Extra urine culture sample label:
 - Laura S asked LIS if they can add a second collection label
 - This is so core specimen collection does not miss the urine culture order. Currently the one sticker for this gets placed on the container the patient collects in. Then there isn't another label for the blue top tube
 - Hopefully this will help with samples for culture being missed
3. UTM to micro:
 - Just like sputum and stool, all UTM are going to come to micro first to be screened and then we will bring them back to core lab if they need to be sent out
 - This is because a few samples for respiratory pathogen testing that should have been done here ended up being done in Edmonton
 - This causes issues for OCPHO and IPAC and is causing confusion so want to eliminate this. Hopefully this will help
 - When Carolyn starts her role maybe Laura S can work with her, so we don't have to do this and the samples won't get sent out accidentally
4. Roundtable:
 - Moses: Requisitions are not being filled out correctly. Something needs to be done. Laura S has brought this forward many times. LIS is trying to work on some ideas, one being samples are ordered with an unknown doctor and then are changed once the doctor is identified. Communication has gone out about this, but it is difficult to get people to listen and to change