

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2024

12:15 to 12:45

Attendee	Present?	Attendee	Present?
Laura S	✓	Chelsea	✓
Moses	✓	Jen	✓
Solomon	✓	Katie	
Laura G	✓		
Minutes recorder: Laura S			

1. Laura S away:
 - Laura will be away for 2 weeks
 - There is a responsible tech on these days. Trying to make the specimen receiving tech the responsible one as they know what is going on with samples coming in
 - If you will not be coming to work, let the responsible tech know, not the other supervisors. The responsible tech will adjust the scheduling to cover this absence and will go to the supervisors if overtime is needed
 - Chelsea and Jen will be completing a report that is due weekly by the end of the day Tuesday. They will need to have time to do this
 - Chelsea and Jen will also be doing the ordering. They will need to have time to do this

2. If susceptibility results are abnormal/not common:
 - Do full ID not just rapid ID (GPI vs TXP)
 - Need to make sure organism is what we think it is before we investigate the susceptibility and potentially report it and send it to DL
 - When you get abnormal/uncommon sens. results always report it once and make sure to run full ID if possible

3. Measles:
 - There is an increase in measles cases in Canada right now due to people not getting vaccinated
 - Measles is very contagious. Need to be mindful of this.
 - Luckily, we do not have patient contact but still need to be careful

4. Aptima swab for BV and Trich:
 - DynaLIFE is using the Aptima swab for BV and Trich
 - We cannot use that swab for the testing we can do
 - The Aptima fluid lysis the cells. Therefore, the gram will not have anything on it
 - Does LIS ordering codes for Aptima BV and Trich. Laura S will check

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2024

12:15 to 12:45

5. Small, dark blue colonies in urine:
 - If you get these and try to ID them and don't get an ID don't repeat it
 - They are usually some type of strep and are not significant
 - They are usually not identified on the VITEK
 - If they are Enterococcus, you will get an ID
 - Don't try to isolate them either if growing with a pathogen. They can be ignored
 - Because we use chromogenic agar, they show up. If we used blood they wouldn't be as noticeable and would get ignored

6. New SOP on MTS and ourNTHSSA:
 - As previously discussed, the micro SOP are being approved
 - These are being posted on ourNTHSSA website. However, this site is very difficult to use, and I don't expect people to use it
 - But need to know how to find a SOP on this site. Laura S will need to make sure everyone does before Accreditation
 - The approved SOP are going on MTS to be read and will also be saved to the lab drive and printed and kept in the binder

7. Refer non-sterile to sterile:
 - If you get a SPN in a blood culture and then get a SPN in a sputum, you can refer the sputum sens to the blood culture. Don't need to re-do it
 - Cannot refer a sterile site to a non-sterile site. If sens was done on an ear and then the blood culture goes positive, can't refer the blood culture to the ear

8. Roundtable:
 - No one had anything