

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024
12:15 to 12:45

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

1. Moses 10 year long service award:
 - Moses will be getting his 10 year service award on Friday
 - He was able to pick out a gift for \$100 and Laura S bought it and gave it to Moses
 - Congratulations Moses!!!!
2. Positive COVID samples to NML:
 - OCPHO has indicated that we do not need to send these right now for variant screening
 - Just order the media store, log them in the book and put them in the freezer
 - If anything changes with the COVID situation, we will start sending them if requested by OCPHO
3. N.gon to NML:
 - Last week we discussed the possibility of us sending positive N.gono to NML as well as APL
 - Laura S confirmed that APL sends our isolates to NML when they are finished the susceptibility, so nothing needs to change for us
4. Positive COVID on BioFire:
 - Do not run them on GeneXpert anymore. The Ct value is irrelevant and now that we are paying for the cartridges, we do not want to do unnecessary testing
 - Moses asked what about an indeterminant from the BioFire? Laura S will think about this and let everyone know later
5. Sterile sputum from ICU:
 - Respiratory therapy collects sputum samples from patients in ICU with some type of catheter. They then like to analyze the results of the culture to check the sterility of the catheter
 - These samples are usually of poor quality, so we reject them
 - They spoke to Moses and Laura S about this. We both explained that if the sample is of poor quality, it shouldn't be used to make treatment decisions on

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- They said they still needed these done so Laura S told them to write that they are from the sterile catheter, and we will do them
- If you get a requisition and the source is Sterile STN Catheter, or anything similar and the Q-score is not good, still process the sample
- Laura S will make another comment choice for when the Q-score is 0 as the current one says it is being processed due to patient being immunocompromised

6. GX-XVI:

- It is still plugged in and connected, just turned off
- We will not be doing QC or maintenance on this
- If we ever need to use it, we can just turn it on, and it will be ready to go

7. TQC issues fixed and pending:

- PCR QC is fixed in TQC so that they each come up once a month and not weekly
- OX ET is added to the ET panel in TQC
- KB panel is fixed so chloramphenicol and azithromycin do not show up and so that the correct antibiotics do show up
- The GX-XVI is still showing up. Laura S asked Lena for help with this. If it comes up in the meantime, just mark it as complete, but we will not be doing maintenance on it at this point

8. Roundtable:

- No one had anything