

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2024
12:15 to 12:45

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

1. GX-MTB testing:
 - How are things going? Does anyone have any feedback, comments, or concerns?
 - No one has anything to add. It hasn't been too bad
2. Ordering any referral tests (except micro ?REFE, ?REFD, ?REFN):
 - Need to add copy to SLAB so a copy of the report comes to the lab fax machine
 - For the MRAFB we also need to add a copy to HPU1, so they get the results
 - Laura S confirmed it does not include micro ?REF samples
3. Respiratory bench:
 - When we go down to 5 techs, we will need to remove this bench and the sputum, eye, ear, etc. will need to go back to the wound bench
 - Should we start this now, so the evening respiratory bench has more time to do GX-MTB testing?
 - With the addition of the commensal respiratory option on the keypad, these samples shouldn't take much time and there really are not that many of them
 - We will wait till September unless the MTB testing becomes a lot
4. Schedule with 5 techs:
 - There will be 3 benches: wound bench, urine bench and specimen receiving bench
 - 1 of them needs to be 12 to 8
 - We can think about how we want the other benches to be scheduled. I am open to any suggestions about this
 - There are 2 options for the schedule. Go over them. We can talk about this now or we can talk individually. I want this to work for everyone
 - Laura S will email everyone a copy and they can let her know what they think and if they have a preference

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5. When schedule changes:
 - I want to implement changes starting September 3 even though Solomon will be here for the month
 - This will give us time to change our workflow and see what works and what doesn't
 - The plan now is for us to send out all vaginal swabs, all throat swabs. We will look at other genital swabs, but the majority seem to be vaginal
 - The wound bench will stay the same except respiratory samples coming back
 - The front bench will stay the same but might need to do some more PCR testing if able
 - The urine bench will do urines, screens and in the evening will read grams and do PCR testing
 - If we are finding that this is still too much, we will refer more out. We just don't want to act too quickly. We will take the month to see how things are looking
 - The weekends will only have 2 techs. We will need to prioritize. If we are too busy, things will have to wait until Monday if they won't time out. There will be a front bench person on Monday and Monday is not very busy so this should be ok
6. C.diff epi cartridges:
 - These are another version that contain an extra test for a gene that is used by some IPAC departments
 - We will not be worrying about this; the cartridges were free from NML, so we took them
 - They will not come across on the interface, but we will just have to manually enter them. They are good until November and then we will order our own and will order the correct ones
7. Issues with specimen receiving holding samples:
 - I sent out an email yesterday reminding the core lab that these samples either need to come to micro or they can call us, and we will go pick them up
 - If anyone notices any issues with this, can you send me a TEAMS message stating what happened, what time it was, the accession number and any other important information
8. Conical tubes:
 - These comes in boxes with 20 packages
 - There are some in the TB room and the rest are in the back storage room
9. Roundtable:
 - No one had anything to add