

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2024
12:15 to 12:45

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

1. New OCPHO (HPU1) reporting document:
 - Laura S has put the new copy out
 - Please ensure you are familiar with it. There are changes from the old one
 - A lot of the arrows and writing I made on the old one are now part of the document, which is good
 - There is a lot of extra writing on there that doesn't apply to us. Is there a way this document could be made easier for us to use?

2. Auxiliary Dr:
 - If a Dr is not in the LIS and you need to make an auxiliary Dr, check ourNTHSSA first to see if they already have a code
 - If they do not have a provider code, you need to check SharePoint and make sure they have ordering privileges in the NWT
 - If anyone has any questions, Laura S can try to help. We just need to make sure they are allowed to order

3. PCR QC:
 - Seems good now
 - If something shows up when it shouldn't, please let Laura S know
 - The PCR equipment maintenance should be good. Please let Laura S know if the BF#2 still shows up
 - We want both GX to show up since we are using both
 - Solomon mentioned that oxidase QC was showing up twice on TQC. This must be because there are 2 active lot numbers. If any test that is supposed to be ordered on TQC doesn't show up, there is no active lot number. Please go into Lot Records and check the records for this supply. If something shows up twice on TQC it is because there are 2 active lot numbers. Please go into Lot Records and check the records for this supply. Only 1 lot should be active at a time.

4. TB Outbreak:
 - Seems over now
 - If GX-MTB is requested on the requisition, just do it if it has the outbreak number or not. If someone requests it, just do it
 - If the outbreak number is on the requisition, please continue to add that in Order Entry

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5. Urine culture SOP:
 - Question was asked about S.saphro in urines
 - Laura S added ONLY to females 13 to 55. This is to make it clear that S.saphro is only a pathogen in females aged 13 to 55
 - It is not a pathogen in men and females outside the age unless it is a sterile urine where everything is a pathogen
 - Men and females outside this age can carry this bacteria normally and it is not causing infection

6. Q-score for sputum samples:
 - Comment for rejection will be changing. This is because our current comments are too long, and they are not showing up on the EMR
 - Laura S will also be changing the comments for acceptable sputum. Q-score will not appear on the report
 - Laura S has also made a comment for the sterile catheter specimens from respiratory therapy. They will not be rejected even if they are poor quality
 - Reminder to please do not report bacteria if the sputum is being rejected. This is confusing to the ordering provider, and it is also not what the SOP says to do. Please ensure you are referring to the SOP if you are unsure how to work up a specimen or how to report it

7. Few things to review from past meetings:
 - TB label printer still not working. Laura S will look at it more and try to get it working
 - Remember not to save SOP on your desktop, always use the folders. The shortcuts will not include the newest version if changes are made
 - Are urine samples from outpatients still an issue and being missed?
 - Is the SPN VITEK QC better now that we are subbing it twice a month? Has this subbing process been, ok?
 - Is the label "Micro checked" working for send out samples? I have heard good things from Carolyn
 - TAT for samples has been good. People having been asking Laura S if they are experiencing problems with a sample and not letting the TAT be too long
 - Incubators are now labelled. Thanks to Jen and Chelsea for making the labels
 - How is the microscope in the TB room working? We were going to discuss this again
 - How is everyone doing with shutting down the computers at night? Have there been any problems?
 - Have people had to do QC on the TRICH kit and have there been any problems? It was noted that if you start typing OSOM when trying to find

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- the kit, it doesn't come up. You must search the whole list. Laura S will look at this
- How is the GX-IV TB room? Is it ok how it is?
 - If COVID is indeterminate on the BioFire, repeat it as per the SOP. If the repeat is the same, report INVALID. Follow the SOP, don't do the GX
 - Has the oil on the microscope been better? We need to make sure we are cleaning this daily and not using too much oil
 - Laura S is still waiting for answers from DexTerra about the pressure and drains. She will let everyone know when she is aware
8. Roundtable:
- No one had anything