

Core Lab Meeting Minutes

Oct 24, 2024

Time: 1415

Attendee	Present?	Attendee	Present?	Attendee	Present?
Lisa(Recorder)	✓	Amelia		Jolina	✓
Theresa		Jobelle		Cindy	✓
Erin	✓	Hanna	✓	Bri	✓
David		Uswald		Amy	
Bayo					

- Chemistry Freezer- I have attached a log on the Chemistry freezer for when we need to defrost it. There are a couple of guidelines that Thermo Scientific told maintenance that we should be aware of when defrosting the freezer: One is we need to have it unplugged for a minimum of 30 hours before placing back in use, we pretty much accomplish this already, but we will ensure we follow this guideline. Also, they suggested slowly bringing the temperature back down, this is a little more difficult to achieve. On the log you will date and initial when you unplug the freezer, then again when you wipe it down and plug it back in. This way we can show we are meeting the time requirement, and we can better track how often we are required to do this.
- Lab coats- Dexterra informed Wanda that there has been an increase of incidents in where laundry is finding recapped needles in pockets. They didn't specify if it was from lab related items, but they wanted a reminder to staff to ensure they are not placing these items in pocket and forgetting about them. Please ensure that you are putting all needles into the sharps container when finished, most areas have them located bedside so you should not have to take them out of the rooms with you.
- CAP Surveys- When performing CAP surveys please ensure you are reading the instructions provided, whether it has to do with the sample itself or the reporting of results. We had a hematology linearity come back where it stated our WBC was not linear. When looking at the data we were way off from our peers. Upon investigation I noticed that the WBC count was reported, but as per the instructions we were to report the TNC-N result. It gave instructions on how to find this result on the analyzer. When I retrieved those results, we were within our peers and the WBC did pass linearity.