

Microbiology Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024
12:15 to 13:00

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

1. Update:
 - Laura S asked everyone how they are doing with the workload
 - Everyone said things are going good for now
 - Laura S let everyone know they are all doing an amazing job. All our work is done well, and our turnaround times are great even for BV. The fact we work well as a team is part of the reason for our success

2. PHAC inspection:
 - Went well and they were very impressed. They loved the movies and said our lab was very clean and very well organized
 - The only issue was the -80 freezer didn't have a sign on it but that was fixed right away
 - They said most labs have 5 to 6 deficiencies so our 1 was great and it wasn't really that big a deal
 - They really liked the inventory process
 - Great job everyone. Thank you for helping with the movies and making sure that lab looked great

3. LIS downtime:
 - Thursday from 11 to 1 pm
 - Hopefully will not impact us much
 - Can do mandatory training or MTS reading during that time

4. Strep A validation:
 - We passed this validation
 - I have requested we start performing throat cultures this way
 - Thank you to Jen for organizing this validation and typing up all the documents and thanks to those that participated

5. CXFLD gram TAT:
 - For November we had 10 samples, and all were within the 60 min TAT
 - Great job everyone
 - This is a good example of quality improvement. Laura S was asked about our TAT and one we didn't meet and then she began measuring this and we have improved each month

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6. January schedule:
 - There won't be anyone on vacation
 - I will give everyone 2 days for mandatory training, Chelsea will be getting an extra 2 days to work on a project for me. Jen will get an extra 2 days to work on a project for me and will also get extra time to review the QC SOP that need to be updated
 - Please make sure you use this time to do training and reading

7. GX:
 - Do we still like the 4 with the 16? **Yes, everyone likes them both together**
 - Do we still need to use both? It would be ideal if the QC was run on the instrument running the testing. Can we have a plan for what is run where if we want to keep both
 - Thinking about maintenance and how much time that takes **The maintenance is ok to do on both. One of the modules on the GX-IV is not working (Laura S will shut it down). Once we know about Strep A, we will decide what is being run on what, so the QC is done on the instrument the test is being run on**

8. VA ET for SA blood and sterile fluid cultures:
 - If the isolate is MRSA, you need to setup VA ET
 - Laura S has automatically added this to the PUR keypad when it is negative and is for sterile fluid or blood culture the VA ET is automatically added
 - This will save us time even though it isn't always needed it won't be that much so better to have it ready

9. Responsible person:
 - Laura S thinks its best on the front bench now that everyone can take on this role **Everyone agrees with this**
 - Do you want to be asked, or can it be assumed that if Laura S is away and you are the front bench you will be the responsible person **No one needs to be asked**
 - Laura S will still put it on the schedule and will be in her email

10. Avian influenza:
 - NML is recommending wearing a N95 if clinical history indicates anything with birds
 - BioFire will go positive for Flu A but no subtype. We will be sending them to NML and not APL
 - Laura S is just getting the SOP updated and job aid for this process

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11. CMPT M243 Survey:

- 1-Urine was a S. sapro done by Katie and Jen
- 2-Eye swab was N. meningitidis. Chelsea did this one.
- 3-Sputum was Past multi and was done by Chelsea
- 4-Brain abscess was Strep anginosus and done by Chelsea
- 5-Blood was Candida parapsilosis and done by Chelsea
- PC-Answers were C, D and E. This is fitting to our new high risk organism SOP.
- Laura S would like to start going over these as soon as they are done and the techs that worked on them can be the ones to present their work. This will be a great learning opportunity for all of us

12. Roundtable:

- No one had anything to add