

Dept. Meeting Notes 10/26/21

General

Department meeting notes will now be uploaded into MTS and assigned to staff that rotate through micro. You will be responsible for reading and signing off that you have read the meeting notes in MTS. Notes will still be emailed and posted on the wall across from the GeneXpert. Procedure changes and updates will be in MTS as well.

Required learning modules due!

Flu Shots!

Positive Covid results on employees of Homewood should be called to Charity Shanabrook. Her cell # is 717-465-9912.

Technical

If we recover 2 morphologically different strains of the same genus/species of bacteria, report BOTH sensitivities, even if they are identical. This is Harrisburg's protocol so we will follow suit.

I am looking into the requirement for a second coag on positive blood cultures from different sets. If Staph aureus' are morphologically the same, is it required to do a coag on subsequent positive sets of blood cultures?

Procedure for when to repeat susceptibilities will be updated to better clarify the time frame. Currently the procedure states that susceptibilities can be referred within 3 to 4 days (or up to 72 hours) for the same organism recovered on subsequent cultures. Updating to 72 hours.

Example: Blood cultures drawn 10/17 (Day 1)

Blood cultures drawn 10/20 (Day 4) must have susceptibilities repeated. Can refer any sets drawn in between Day 1 and Day 4 as long as it is morphologically the same organism and there are no negative sets in between.

Michelle is going to look into whether or not our non-billable tests are taken into account for our productivity ratings.