

## Micro Meeting Notes 3/31/22

### General

Urine culture only is no longer orderable on inpatients. This decision was not a lab decision and was made with the intent to diminish the amount of unnecessary urine cultures and therefore unnecessary antibiotic overuse. Information was sent to providers but may not have reached all nursing staff yet. As with all new orders, there will and already have been questions regarding this change. Please let those inquiring know that this was not a lab decision and information is available on the Infonet under "UIT". As of now, the only order available is a urinalysis with reflex to microscopic with reflex to culture. I will print out the UIT screenshots from Epic and post them with the meeting notes so everyone can see the new criteria for ordering urine cultures. For clinical issues regarding this order change, or for disgruntled providers, please refer them to Dr. Kurt Thomas.

**Please participate in the 2022 My Voice survey! The survey is open 4/25 to 5/13!**

### Technical

If an anaerobic culture is ordered and we cannot find the anaerobic plates, please look for the specimen as soon as possible so the anaerobic culture can be set.

We are sending a Memo to all outpatient offices to inform them that we are switching from the pink top formalin preservative for Crypto/Giardia to the orange top Cary Blair. In addition to Crypto/Giardia testing, this preservative can also be used for stool cultures and preserves the specimen for 48 hours.

BMB (Brucella agar) is now an orderable component in the workcard in Epic. Brucella agar is similar to an anaerobic blood plate and will grow both anaerobic Gram positive and Gram negative organisms. These will be replacing the CDC/PEA split plates.

Water cultures can now be ordered and resulted in Epic. We will culture water samples the first week of the month.

Anaerobe identifications will be performed in house as opposed to being sent to Quest. We will be using the Remel Rapid ANA test kit. We will also use Vanc 5, Colistin, and Kanamycin antibiotic disks to identify anaerobic Gram negative rods. There is a chart with the antibiotic disk reactions with the Microbiology books.

When signing out ESBL positive organisms, there is no need to add the ESBL comment since it is added to the organism name.

We will continue to hold cultures associated with joint prosthetics 10 days since we recently recovered a P.acnes at 7 days.