

# MICROBIOLOGY DEPT MEETING NOTES

4/5/22 & 4/13/22

## ALL SHIFTS

Susan transferring to Core Lab 4/15. We wish her all the best and will miss her in Micro. She will work her weekends in Micro through May. We will need someone to cover her Memorial Day holiday. Let me know if you are interested.

CAP Survey results: C. diff 100%, Ticks/Mites/Arthropods 100% (Pthirus pubis, Pulex sp., Ixodes)

Rheumatoid Factors should now be routing to Quest

Memo being distributed to physicians' offices advertising the switch from the pink top Formalin vial for Crypto/Giardia testing to the orange top Cary-Blair vial. These vials can also be used for stool cultures and Shiga toxin testing which we will be implementing shortly. Container types are being updated in Epic and pink tops are being swapped out for orange tops in the Gastro offices.

Cepheid is issuing allocations for Covid only cartridges! Hanover will be receiving 66 cartridges in the next 3 weeks. The 4-Plex is no longer being allocated for the time being. This means that what we have in stock now is all we will have for awhile. Please pay attention to Covid orders once the Covid only cartridges are in stock and ONLY run 4-Plex cartridges when Flu A/B and/or RSV are requested in addition to Covid. Do not run Covid only orders on the 4-Plex cartridges.

We kick off Lab Week **and** the My Voice Survey on 4/25. Please participate in the survey and show your appreciation for all UPMC has done for you over the past year.

Here is a sneak preview of Lab Week:

Monday: Breakfast provided by Microbiology, desserts provided by Cepheid

Tuesday: Core Lab to host lunch-theme to follow

Wednesday: "Souper" Soup Contest-bring in your favorite soup and recipe to share. Employees will vote for their favorite soup with coins/dollars. This money will be donated to the Hospital Auxiliary. The winner with the best soup will also get a prize! Pizza will be provided by Michelle Lee, and salads/sides by Pathology.

Thursday: Phlebotomy is hosting Chili Day and providing "retro" desserts.

Friday: Dr. Sturtz and Dr. Nava are providing Chinese Food

Random drawings will occur every day for prizes, and everyone will receive a lab week gift. There will also be games and a photo contest for prizes.

## **DAYSHIFT**

Water culture order is built but waiting for "source" to be built.

QC bugs for Microscan will be separate from the other QC bugs. Daily QC bugs will be separate from other QC bugs also (those used for biochemical test QC). Many of the QC sheets are being updated as well. We will have a binder for KB QC and one for biochemical test QC (weekly Gram stain QC, oxidase, indole, Staphaurex, etc.)

With Susan leaving and Angela going to a 0.4, we will have to re-evaluate the schedule until positions are filled. Sundays can be very busy as well with just 1 person so we can look at options such as having an on-call person, only reading 24-hour cultures and sterile 48's, or having 2 people on Sundays.

Michelle is asking for ESB for Micro while we work short-staffed. Decision to follow.

Several procedures have been updated for review (ear, eye cultures, wound cultures, respiratory and urine cultures) and new procedures have been issued (Staphaurex, Shiga toxin). Please review and sign sheets attached to each procedure.