

Lab Meeting

Participants

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Bob Ireland (RI)
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- A. Gary's Presentation on New Connecticut Public Health Lab
 - a. 4 floors including basement level
 - b. In Rocky Hill, 15 minutes outside Hartford
 - c. Gatehouse and guard
 - d. Have a Project Manager who has couriered through the design/construction/move
 - e. RI is also at the beginning stages of thinking about a new lab
 - i. First step is to do feasibility study
- B. Contamination and Environmental Testing Protocols
 - a. Arthur brought a copy of the MA environmental testing protocol
 - i. Protocol is subject to yearly review
 - ii. Arthur can email copies to each lab subcommittee member
 - iii. Protocol is an attachment to the CT/GC NAAT SOP
 - iv. Now much fewer contamination issues since switch to pierce-able caps
 - v. MA does environmental testing monthly (or if they see a spike in positivity)
 - vi. There are cleaning protocols every day
 - vii. De-cluttered the lab, which makes it much easier to clean
 - viii. Requirement for new IPP sites – make a visit and talk about specimen handling/submission
 - ix. Twice a year present a QA study project describing any issues and how they were resolved
 - x. Did provider training at the lab to demonstrate testing process
 - xi. Have someone at the lab 24/7 for specimen receiving
 - b. Gary brought table that lives in the Connecticut QA manual
 - i. Indicates sites for environmental testing, done monthly (though sites will change when move to the new lab)
 - ii. Have had two contaminations, one CT, one GC
- C. Transit and Turnaround Time
 - a. All states met the 95% in time period goal