

Coombs, Geoffrey

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To: Geoff Coombs
Subject: Old cultures of MRSA

Dear Geoff

I do hope that you and your family are all well and have had a very happy Easter break!

Recently I had a request from Jim Manos, a Senior Lecturer in Infectious Diseases, for any information I had relating to the collection of MRSA that I left with that Department when I retired in 2002!! On searching I did find one very basic list of local isolates tested at RPAH. He was very pleased when I delivered this to him a couple of weeks ago. It seems that the MRSA collection has returned to RPAH and Jim Manos, John Melino and their associates are interested in looking at some of these old isolates (genetic work I think).

Amongst this MRSA collection are Isolates submitted for the SAP Surveys. The information regarding these strains is not included in the list I gave him. I have a few "floppy discs" with some of the results of the SAP surveys and a few lists. As yet I have not given these to Jim Manos and would like to ask you whether you think I should pass them on. When I retired I emptied my filing cabinet and had dreams of sorting out this type of thing - but time disappeared and other "things" took priority.

I'm not sure whether the information on the "floppy discs" (3 & 5 inch) can be retrieved. If I give him the lists I have what information should I delete - the information varies between the hospitals.

All this preamble is to ask if there is any problem with my passing on what limited information I have. I will be near Sydney University next Tuesday and so could pass anything on then or hold onto it for a bit longer.

As is obvious I am a bit of a horder!

Greetings
Alison