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Microbiology has been evaluating ice samples and perfusion fluid from organ retrieval teams since Oct 2014.

For your information I have tabulated our results.

The data indicates that ice samples used by non-NuTH retrieval teams are more likely to growth potential bacterial pathogens than ice from NuTH. We can also show that the perfusion fluid grows a greater number of pathogens from non-NuTH teams.

Results	Number of samples
ICE BOX SAMPLE	85
Non-NuTH Retrieval	41
No growth	21
GPC	3
GNB	15
FUNGI	1
GNB & GPC	1
NuTH	29
No growth	25
GPC	2
GNB & GPC	1
GNB & FUNGI	1
Unknown	15
No growth	9
GNB	5
GNB & GPC	1
Total	85
Results	Number of samples
ORGAN BAG FLUID	87
Non-NuTH Retrieval	41
Haem.influenzae	1
No growth	31
Neisseria and Strep.mitis	1
Pseudomonas	1
Pseudomonas & alpha HS	1
S.marcescens & CNS	1

Staph.aureus	3
Staph.aureus&S.marcescens	1
Strep.pyogenes	1
NuTH	31
E.coli	1
Haem.influenzae&Staph.aureus	1
Mixed Coagneg staph	2
No growth	26
Staph.aureus	1
Unknown	15
Micrococcus	1
No growth	13
Staph.aureus&Strep.pneumonia	1
Total	87

Key

GPC = gram positive cocci

GNB = gram negative bacilli

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