

## Microbiology Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2024  
12:15 to 12:45

Attendee	Present?	Attendee	Present?
Laura S	✓	Chelsea	✓
Moses	✓	Jen	✓
Solomon	✓	Katie	
Laura G	✓		
Minutes recorder: Laura S			

1. RS not working?
  - It seems like the RS isn't working
  - If bacteria look like SA and RS is negative, should do a TC
  - We will monitor this. If it happens when Laura S is here let her know so she can see
  - Make sure the reagent is mixed
  - Maybe some isolates? Laura S will follow up with DL once we know we are handling it correctly
  - Moses mentioned if anything isn't working like it should, let Laura S know
  
2. SPN sub from beads:
  - This is now showing up in TQC on the third Monday
  - This is so the ST03 card doesn't fail
  - Shouldn't be too much extra work
  
3. BA/CHO keypads:
  - I sent out an email about changes in these keypads
  - I have added commensal respiratory flora and commensal genital flora
  - For respiratory samples, the SOP lists what should always be reported and what shouldn't. There is always a lot of commensal flora that isn't worth identifying or reporting. If we report too much, we risk having the patient treated for something that isn't causing an issue
  - You should be able to open the plates for sputum samples and right away see what growth is predominant. Then you can look at the SOP and see if it needs to be worked up.
  - For genital samples, the SOP lists what should always be reported and what shouldn't. Again, there is a lot of normal flora in these samples that do not need to be identified or reported
  - If anyone has any questions, ask me and if you are on the bench I can look at plates with you

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4. O2 incubator:
  - It was pushed right against the wall and the thing on the back was bent
  - We need to put it into place and lock the wheels. Maybe we will need maintenance to help us
  - Try to be mindful when opening and closing it that it isn't pushing against the wall too hard
  
5. VITEK computer:
  - We need to restart this computer daily as well with the others
  - It is very slow and will need this to keep running
  
6. Oil on microscope:
  - The microscope guy came last week and said we were using way too much oil
  - You only need a small drop on the slide, don't flood the slide
  - When you take a slide off, move the 100 objective out of the way. If you leave it above the condenser the oil will drip right into it
  - We need to take care of this equipment, so it continues to work. Now that all the oil is cleaned up, it is working so much better
  - Ideally, we should be wiping the oil off the objective with each slide, but we should look at doing this at least daily
  - Don't fill up oil dropper. Just halfway.
  - When you finish reading slides, don't leave diaphragm up, bring it down.
  - Try to clean when done reading slides
  - Microscope cover needs to be replaced
  
7. If extra drugs are requested:
  - If we can report them based on the ASTM, we can release it
  - If it isn't indicated in the ASTM, they will need to contact the microbiologist
  - Pharmacy calls quite a bit to request susceptibility on samples that don't require it. If we are unsure, ask them to contact the microbiologist
  
8. Roundtable:
  - Jen: Add labels to the incubators so core lab knows which is what. Chelsea will make the labels and Laura S will show her how to laminate them