

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024

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

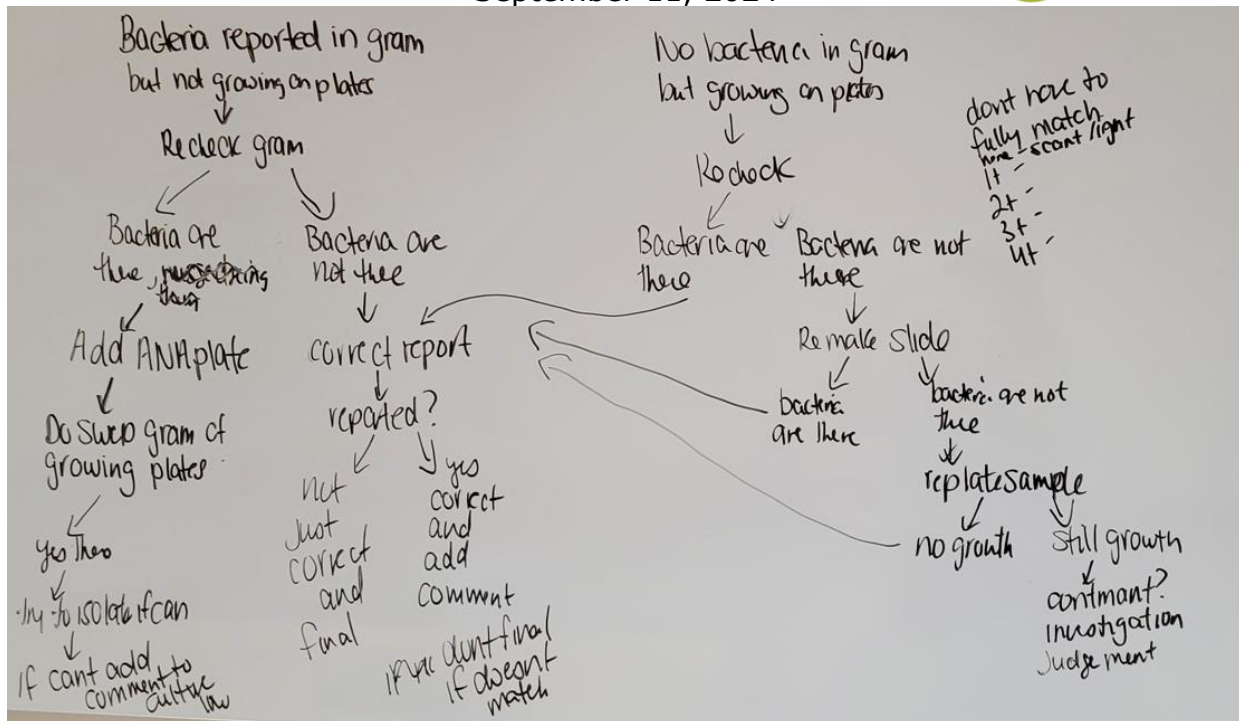
1. Freezing BF samples:
 - Is this a lot of work?
 - We agreed that we will still freeze positive COVID and Flu for now but not the others
 - Laura S will clean out the freezer as we only need to keep 6 months' worth of these samples
 - Laura S will update the SOP to reflect this

2. Micro samples coming from Inuvik:
 - They will come in 2 white envelopes, 1 room temperature and refrigerated
 - I have instructed core staff to just place the whole envelope in our bins
 - This will include positive blood cultures, they will be in the room temperature envelope
 - If a MPX sample is coming, it will arrive in the CAT A box. Instructions to core staff and on the box is for them not to open it and either deliver it to micro or call us to pick it up

3. Private micro party for Solomon:
 - Unfortunately, Chelsea cannot come to the dinner at Explorer and now Laura G will be away as well
 - Do we want to have a private party for Solomon, just something casual and just for micro?
 - Unfortunately, Laura G will still not be able to make it, but it is almost impossible to do this at a time when no one is away
 - Where and when do we want to do it?

4. Gram/culture not matching process map:
 - Laura has a job aid for this, and Jen reviewed this, but I want us all to go through it together
 - We will use the white board to plan this out:

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- Laura S will update the job aid and share with everyone

5. Roundtable:

- Katie: asked if we reject swabs for Gonorrhoeae culture if they are not charcoal. We will not reject these swabs even though they are not the idea swab to use. Laura S will make a new specimen quality comment that can be added to address this. Laura will add this comment to our Specimen Quality Comment Job Aid and communicate it with everyone