

**Microbiology Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024
12:15 to 13:00**

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

1. Update:
 - Check in to see how things are going and discuss any concerns
 - Moses said that teamwork is so important in the micro lab especially on the weekends. We must work as a team
 - Sometimes the workload on the weekends is dependent on the MLA in the core lab. Have to wait until the coolers are unpacked. Laura S will discuss with Carolyn to see if micro can just take our samples. Maybe we will have an MLA there when we do so they can see what we have done

2. Core ordering BC:
 - The core lab should be ordering BC and then loading them on the BACTEC
 - Laura S has trained them all on how to do this
 - If they are crazy busy or something is going on that is ok, but they should not be routinely just dropping them off to us
 - On Friday evening a core tech brought blood cultures in but there were 5 core techs and 1 MLA
 - Laura S has discussed this with Lisa, and she will be ensuring they all know the expectations

3. Genital cultures and yeast cultures on vaginal swabs:
 - These need to be ordered on their own (soon there will be a rule for this)
 - If we get one and it doesn't meet the criteria, we need to order the CX test and save and then go back in a cancel it and on a new order, order SCBV if it is a genital culture
 - We cannot add the SCBV on the cancelled genital culture or the results do not go to HealthNet Viewer
 - Go over the new vaginal swab flow chart
 - Laura S will give an example

4. Cervix swabs:
 - Should only order CXGON and not CXGEN
 - This is just like urethra swabs
 - If CXGEN is marked on the requisition, just order CXGON. Don't need to order and cancel like the vaginal swabs. Cervix isn't even a choice now in the LIS

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- Moses added that he learned in school that the epithelial cells on the cervix have an affinity for gonorrhoeae
 - Moses also believes that cervix swabs are not collected properly
 - We will not have a comment for this if the requisition says genital culture, we will just order CXGON
5. BC from FS and IN:
- Always check the labels on the bottles before loading them. Both labs have made errors
 - Now that these samples come in the white envelopes, micro will be the ones processing these so we can make sure the labels are correct
 - Had an incident this week where Inuvik had a positive BC but did not follow the new process. This caused the report to be corrected. Hopefully this will not happen again
6. Biohazard garbage's in TB room and micro BSC:
- We are using a hard container for the garbage beside the GX-16 with a biohazard garbage bag in it-**Everyone likes this**
 - This is because the cardboard boxes will not get changed enough and it isn't good to have this sitting for so long. We can change the bag easy and more frequently
 - How do we like the smaller sharps container in the BSC? We did this because the other one was taking up a lot of space and again it wasn't getting changed enough and it shouldn't be sitting so long-**We are going to change this and use the bigger container and put our loops in there. This way the garbage will fill up quicker and we can get rid of the small discard container**
7. > 24 hour blood culture:
- What do we do if we do the >24 hour sub and then load on BACTEC and then goes positive
 - Do we all plant the bottle again once positive and do we make a new smear- **Yes, these should be replanted again. Don't need the gram since the ST order is already used for the >24 hour sub gram**
8. AFB orders on micro requisition and sputum culture is marked off:
- If this is the case, make sure that the sputum culture has a black line through it, so APL doesn't do the culture again
 - This happened recently
 - Same thing with stool cultures

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9. Temperature charts for 2025:
 - Both the PCR room ones and micro room ones are together in one binder
 - We don't really need them to be separated or in different binders
10. TB fridge:
 - The monthly maintenance frequently gets missed
 - Don't forget about this little fridge all by itself
11. GX interface:
 - This is only working for the GX-16. Let's just use this one for now until the issue is resolved
12. Roundtable:
 - No one had anything. Laura S went over the ordering and cancelling of CXGEN and CXYST on vaginal swabs