

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

12:15 to 13:15

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

1. How are things going?
 - Everyone said everything is going well and no one has any concerns
2. Start times and breaks:
 - Wanda was in the lab last week and noticed some core techs coming in after their start times
 - If you start at 8 you need to be in the lab on your bench at 8. Even a few minutes late is still late and not good
 - Also been some talk about break times. We were supposed to do the 2 15 min breaks and 1 30 min break. We will continue to do 2 30 min, but we need to make sure that they do not go longer than 30 min, so we don't bring attention to how we are doing breaks
3. C. diff SOP:
 - I have moved this to the instrument manual with the other GX SOP
 - I had to update MTS, and this means it had to be reassigned to everyone
 - I made a few other changes, so it matched the other GX SOP to keep them all consistent and because we are now doing them in the TB room with all PCR
4. PCGAS:
 - As soon as the cartridges arrive, Laura S will train everyone and sign the training off
 - The SOP is done, will be in the instrument manual, and has already been assigned to everyone in MTS
 - We will go over the ordering and what to do if sens will be needed. Then we will go over the reporting and how to do the sens if it is needed. Laura S brought the laptop for this, and we will watch on the screen
 - Moses asked about what worklist this test will go on if sens is needed-**Laura S will make a throat worklist that will be monitored by the urine bench tech**
 - Asked about the preliminary report if sens is needed-**Laura S will add sens to follow comment**
 - Asked about putting observations for BA-2 plate if ordered-**Laura S will add the observations not needed and for susceptibility testing to the BA-2 keypad. The comments for sens workup will be on the GAS keypad and will include the sens to follow comment and the quantitation**

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5. Micro dinner:

- Laura S asked if everyone would be interested in having a micro dinner like we had for Solomon
- We could do it in February when everyone is here
- Everyone is interested so we will look at dates that work

6. Roundtable:

- Jen: She learned the terminology for transgender patients. AFB or AMB means assigned female or male at birth. This is the correct terminology for stating what the patient was before they became transgender
- Laura G: She had a blood culture where the gram was GPC in clusters, so she called in clusters resembling Staphylococcus. Then the isolate was strep. Laura S is going to investigate if we should be commenting on looks like staph or strep and will then let everyone know and make changes to keypad
- Laura G: Made an observation that if a positive blood culture goes right away it is usually significant and if it takes 48 hours it is usually a contaminant. This is a correct observation
- Laura S: Let everyone know that I am updating the blood culture collection SOP for the MLA, and both sets will be an aerobic and an anaerobic bottle. Not just an aerobic bottle for the second set. She will let everyone know when the SOP is done but if an MLA asks going forward, both sets will be actual sets. **Laura S confirmed with APL that they collect both bottles for both sets**
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