

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

January 24, 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?
 - Evenings are busy. Lots of fluids
 - Need to work on communication between core and micro. Laura will work with Carolyn to ensure that the MLA are letting us know when fluids arrive

2. Recognition of team:
 - Laura S just wanted to thank the team for getting their bulk leave in early and for working together to make sure everyone gets what they want
 - This is a real illustration of what a great team we are, and this is the reason we are so successful as a department. We work hard and are contributing so much to patient care, but we also work well together, and this creates a positive work environment

3. MCAT/ALA disks:
 - Laura S had her CMPT meeting last and we discussed the S. sapro. and it being identified in the past with the novobiocin disk but now most are using Maldi or the VITEK, which is what we do
 - What do we think about doing the same for ALA and MCAT? Not using it and just using the VITEK. It might cause some delays because it will need a PP, but it is the better test and would eliminate the need to order and QC the disk tests
 - We decided that we would rather do the VITEK than the disks. Laura S will try to change the keypads before she leaves but will also need to update the Bacteria ID SOP. We will keep the disks for now but will look at removing them from TQC and our ordering list

4. Reporting Staph/Strep in gram stains:
 - This was also discussed at the CMPT meeting and saying it resembles Staph or Strep is still a good practice if, you are sure. Laura S discussed our example of it being in clusters but was a strep and that is the downside of this but most provinces still do this including Alberta so we will continue
 - Just need to feel confident that is what it is.
 - PEI considered a chain more than 6 so we can use that as a guideline

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5. STGM3 keypad for vaginal culture:
 - Laura S added an extra level that has the 3 comments (menopausal, yeast and increased WBC) so it matches the SCBV keypad
 - The SOP was updated and if there are any questions let Laura S know
6. How do we like bench moves?
 - Laura S is having a hard time remembering
 - Everyone likes it. It is a bit warmer. Seems to be working well
7. Blood culture contaminants:
 - Something is a contaminant if it is in 1 bottle in a series of sets
 - If 4 bottles were collected (2 sets) then a contaminant would be in only one bottle out of the 4
 - If 3 bottles were collected (2 sets?) then a contaminant would be in only one bottle out of the 3
 - If only 1 set is collected (2 bottles) then there cannot be a contaminant
 - This is clearer in the SOP
8. GAS on GX:
 - This is on hold until I return from leave
9. Swabs for SCTR1 and PCGAS:
 - They should be discarded after testing is done as they cannot be used anymore
 - This will prevent them from being used accidentally
10. Blood Product Processing:
 - Laura S will go over this SOP with everyone and do it on the laptop
11. Roundtable:
 - No one had anything to add