

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025

12:15 to 13:15

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

1. Sputum TB PCR on requisition
 - Laura S is going to send out a memo trying to clarify testing for sputum samples
2. How are benches now that we moved?
 - The temperature in the lab seems better.
 - Do we like the move?
 - **Old wound bench had more space, so think it is smaller now**
 - **Chelseas lab coat is in the way now so we will need to figure this out. Laura S said she can take the hook outside her office, the one she used to use**
 - **Katie mentioned that Jens lab coat was resting on the Atest instrument and it got really hot. Laura S will unplug the instrument**
3. ALA/MCAT disks:
 - Have we still been using these?
 - How do we want to move forward?
 - **Everyone is using the NH card so to keep everything consistent we will all use the NH card and not the ALA or MCAT**
 - **We will continue to QC these products until we are sure about this change**
4. Frequent CO2 tank change:
 - The tank needs to be changed weekly now
 - Steve and Dave are aware but not sure what is wrong
 - Techs are concerned about this being an OHS issue
 - Laura S will follow up
 - **Laura S talked to the manager of facility services and he said they think it is the regulator. A new one has been ordered and as soon as it arrives, it will be changed. Hopefully this will solve the problem**
5. COVID-19 samples sent by pneumatic tube:
 - **This happened once and is against what can be sent in the tube**
 - **If this happens again, an RL6 should be filed**

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6. CPU screens:

- IPAC has asked about this
- They will go to APL
- Micro will order them since they are swabs and put in bucket to be tasked listed
- There will not be many
- **Everyone is ok with this and agrees it isn't too much work**

7. CandiSelect Agar:

- BioRad is sending us 2 boxes
- We will see what we think
- We have more yeast cultures now and this was a recommendation from Dr. Solomon
- **The plates are incubated in O2 for 48 hours**

8. Throat Worklist:

- Do we want to remove this and put it back on the urine worklist?
- **People want to keep it. Laura G said it makes it easier to do the urine bench**

9. CMPT plates:

- Can each sample go in its own racks
- This is easier to sort through for Laura S

10. Mycoplasma and Bordetella validation:

- DynaLIFE is sending us positive samples
- We will run them and send the results back

11. CMPTM244 results:

- **Went over each sample and the person who did the testing discussed what they did**