

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2025

12:15 to 13:15

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

- ALA/MCAT disks:
 - We decided we will not do these anymore
 - This will change some of the QC (won't need M. cat anymore)
 - Laura will make them inactive in TQC, so they do not show up for the weekly QC
 - Moses asked if this would affect CMPT. Laura S said no because the VITEK is sufficient identification of these organisms
- Orange pads for PCR testing:
 - Everyone likes them but smaller ones are ok
 - Laura S will find one that is half the size of the old ones for us to use
- BV if ≤ 13 years old:
 - Laura S wanted to remind everyone that these need to be sent out for genital culture
 - If only BV is ordered, order MRBV if STH patient or just put in box for send out
 - Chelsea asked about a rule like C. diff to remind everyone of their age. Laura S will investigate this, and it is a great idea
- FedEx waybills:
 - Laura S got a new container for these not the old box that was 10 years old
 - Laura S filled out the waybill templates and laminated them and put in the new container
 - There will be a waybill for NML samples and a waybill for the new HPV samples we will be sending to Ottawa
- Startup/Shutdown of micro lab:
 - We gave up our RG3 license for the TB lab so now the micro lab is all one
 - Laura S merged the micro lab startup/shutdown with the TB lab startup/shutdown since now one person does it all and now, they are not really 2 separate spaces
 - The new job aids are laminated and, on the door, and on the front bench shelf

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6. Moses discussing catheter tip sample:
 - Moses had a catheter tip sample that grew at least 4 pathogens
 - This is very abnormal, and he discussed how he reported this with the comment about blood cultures since they were not ordered on the patient
 - This patient also had a wound swab that grew the same organisms, so this looked like the patient was septic from the wound infection but unfortunately blood cultures were not drawn
 - Thanks, Moses, for sharing this sample with everyone
7. Rows of chromogenic plates after planting:
 - Please keep the rows of chromogenic plates each in one row
 - When you plant new ones put them on the bottom of the stack
 - When you are reading the plates, just take out the dates you are reading (should be on the top)
8. QC labels:
 - Laura S will be changing these to remove ALA and MCAT and adding the yeast organisms
 - The next monthly sub will look different so ensure you follow the labels correctly
 - They were very out of date so please let Laura S know if something is wrong
 - Laura S won't print the labels, but she will fix the template 😊
9. Yeast plate QC:
 - The new yeast plates has 7 QC organisms!!!
 - We will need to divide the plate into 7
 - We can streak the organisms on with the 1 uL loop to stay within the lines
 - You can just use the short forms for the organisms' names and don't worry about the ATCC numbers
 - These organisms will be subbed weekly to chocolate plates, so they are ready when the media is received
10. Roundtable:
 - Katie- Avens has been sending swabs in orange top containers that are really for ears, and they are expired. She has been cancelling them with the comment that the swabs are expired. If this happens to others, we should stay consistent, and all do the same thing. Maybe when Avens gets the reports, they will realize that they need to order new swabs