

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2025
12:15 to 13:15

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

1. Genital cultures:
 - How is this going? **Everyone said it is going well**
 - Has it made things easier and better? **Yes, it is making the workload better**
2. QC changes:
 - No MCAT QC
 - No ALA QC
 - TXP will use GAS not *S. salivarius* as negative
 - This all means that there is no more
 - *M. cat* QC organism
 - *A. aph* QC organism
 - *S. salivarius* QC organism
 - **Laura S needs to change the QC checklist**
3. QC labels:
 - Weekly CO2 now include yeast and don't include ones above
 - Weekly BA slant are different organisms (*S. epi*, ENT and Streps)
 - Weekly NUT slants are different organisms (SA, ENT, KPN and PA)
 - Weekly QC plate labels are changed but didn't throw out ones already printed. Just removed ALA label and changed *S. salivarius* to GAS
 - Monthly CO2 now is included for Tuesday after bead sub
4. CPO Screens:
 - Remember these swabs will start coming this month
 - It should be on an APL microbiology requisition with CPO screen written on
 - We will order the test MRCPO and put the swab in the "to be task listed" bucket
 - Make sure to collect and receive the specimen and add any important information if on the requisition in the pop up boxes
 - **Jen asked if we need to add copy to SLAB. Laura S has confirmed that yes, we need to add a copy to SLAB so the report prints**

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5. Yeast culture/Oral Culture
 - Now that we are using chromogenic plates, we will be screening for Candida species and not just C. albicans
 - I have changed the organism ystnot to say Yeast not Candida species
 - I will change the yeast ID SOP
6. Cat B boxes:
 - When we send a sample to NML, it needs to go in the plastic bag, the paper bag and then that in the box
 - This is the same for swabs going to APL. They need to have all 3
 - There should always be the same number of each piece (box, white bag and plastic bag)
 - This is correct Cat B shipping
 - Asked if we can order white envelopes separately. Laura S will look into this
 - Asked if it needs to be packaged this way for APL and Laura S confirmed with Carolyn that it does since it is a pure culture
7. HPV testing:
 - This will be starting soon
 - They will be using our requisition and will be writing HPV on the clinical information portion or maybe somewhere else. We will know its HPV due to the swab
 - We will Medipatient if needed and will order the test REHPV in the LIS
 - Will go on the REFERRAL_HP V worklist
 - We will package the swabs in a box, use the address labels made and need to add Exempt Human Specimens sticker
 - We will use FedEx and fill out a waybill as per the template
 - Put the box and the waybill on the front counter just like NML
 - The reports will be faxed to the blood bank fax
 - When we get them, we are going to transcribe them in the LIS
 - There are keypads for the different types of results (go over them and the reports)
 - We discussed a log sheet or keeping track of samples sent. Laura S will create a binder like with NML where we will keep copies of everything sent and when we get the results back, we will reconcile it with the binder reports
8. Roundtable:
 - No one had anything