

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2025
12:00 to 13:00

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

1. New meeting structure:

- We will always start with a check in to see how things are going, safety concerns and EQA samples for the week

2. Weekly check-in:

- Laura S wants to ask how everyone is liking the change with screens (VRE, YST, GBS, NOS) only being read at 48 hours. Has it made things better? Are there any concerns with this? Do we want to keep it this way? **-Everyone likes this change, and it is working well. We will keep it this way**
- Moses subbed out the QC organisms using the new labels and yeast isolates. How did this go? **-It went well. Laura S missed one, but it has been fixed**
- No more ALA or MCAT. Are people liking this? The ALA and MCAT are off TQC, but TXP is still ordering *S. salivarius*. Laura will continue to work on this **-Everyone like this and we will keep things the way they are**
- Laura S spoke to Carolyn about micro taking micro samples from the cooler. We can do this but let the MLA know and if you are the first one to open the cooler, you need to fill out the Laboratory Cooler Tracking Sheet posted in specimen control. Just the time, where it came from and unpacked by put micro unpacked and your initials. We don't need to wait until it gets done if it is holding us up and we won't get blamed for anything because we are only removing micro **-Concerns that micro will get blamed. Filling out the sheet seems weird. We wont be emptying the cooler or initialing that we did. For now, just monitor this. If you want to take out micro samples, let the MLA know what you did. We don't need to ask, we just need to let them know. Laura S will follow up with Wanda to see what she thinks, and she can ask Jen D if she wants**
- Any other workload concerns or suggestions for making things work better

3. Safety concerns:

- There was an email sent about taking any trails by yourself to be vigilant. I don't think many walk to work but please be careful if you do **-No one had any other safety concerns at this time**

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4. EQA Surveys:
 - Last week, the CAP COVID Quality Cross Check arrived. It is for COVID and is intended to compare 2 instruments performing the same test so for us that is only for COVID and is the GX and BF. These results were entered and doesn't look like there were any issues. Chelsea were there any issues with these
 - This week the CAP ID2-A arrived. This is for the RP2.1 panel and includes all the respiratory viruses we test for. Moses, Jen and Chelsea all took part in this survey due to awesome teamwork
5. Sending isolates to APL, which requisition to use:
 - APL Base Labs (DL) uses the DL requisition and this is for ID, susceptibility and susceptibility confirmation (CPO, VRE)
 - APL uses the APL requisition, and this is for NG susceptibility, and typing for HIN and N. men
 - SOP for referring isolates to DL will change title to APL Base Labs but still using DL requisition
6. Biosafety notifications:
 - For Cat B samples, this is not necessary
 - If you get a suspect Cat A organism, the first step is to call the microbiologist. If they confirm it could be then notify the supervisor, the BSO and use Sprectre to notify them that you are sending a RG3 organism. Do not need to send a notification to BSO but document that you told them in the LIS
 - But one thing we should start doing is checking the FedEx waybills to make sure the package got to its destination
 - Laura S is going to make a chart where we can put one of the waybill stickers on and then we will check it. We will work on this process
7. BioFire update:
 - Keith did a software update on the BioFire
 - The main screen is blue instead of green and some of the buttons have changed position, but they all work the same
 - If you have any questions, let Laura S know and if you have any feedback remember it for our next meeting
8. HPV labels:
 - Laura S put the 2 labels we will use in the blue binder labelled HPV Labels
 - We won't keep the requisition but will scan it in the LIS. We will also add the waybill on the new sheet made so we can keep track of it
 - Remember the samples will be on the worklist so we can also keep track of that

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9. PT for Enterobacterales:

- Keith confirmed this is a card limitation and this drug can't be reported for Enterobacterales on the GNS card
- It hasn't happened so maybe we thought it did? It is for Acinetobacter and Pseudomonas but not any other GNB
- If ASTM wants it, we will need to do KB
- Looks like it is a third line, so we don't need it often

10.Roundtable:

- Jen wanted to know what qualifies as a genital specimen. She had a wound swab from a scrotum and wasn't sure. Moses didn't think it was. Laura S said we can all use our own discretion. If it gets sent out that is ok and if it doesn't that is ok too. We are doing this on our own and didn't need to notify anyone that we started sending them out so we can make our own rules.
- Moses said that the keypad for SPN from blood culture still orders the D-test, but we don't need that for SPN from blood. Laura S will fix this
- Laura G asked about gentamicin QC for Pseudo and why do we do it when we don't report gentamicin on Pseudo. Laura S said that we are QC'ing the disk not the organism results from the disk and in the CLSI Pseudomonas is one of the organisms used to QC gentamicin. This is great point by Laura G and Laura S let everyone know if we are keeping a disk and QC'ing it, but we never report that antibiotic, let Laura S know. Some antibiotics are not used anymore and if that is the case we do not need to keep the disks and do not need to QC them