

Microbiology Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2025
12:00 to 13:00

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

1. Weekly check-in:

- No one had anything to discuss
- Laura S brought up an incident from the weekend where the micro tech was at the wound bench and heard the door to micro open and then heard the person leave. When they got up to get something, they noticed blood cultures were on the front bench. Laura S talked to Lisa about this, and she is going to bring it up at their meeting that if they think no one is in micro they should order and load the blood culture bottles or if they are not sure if someone is there or not, they should at least yell out blood cultures and then put them on the bench

2. Safety concerns:

- Case of measles in Yellowknife. We need to make sure OHS has our immunization records and need to make sure our N95 mask is up to date, we know which one we need and that we have some in the lab. It won't necessarily affect micro much since we do not do collections but need to have in place just in case. Also, the notices went out and asked the physicians to rule out respiratory viruses first so we may get measles samples that also require RPP. We will do the RPP here, scratch it off the requisition so it doesn't get done again and give to the MLA to order, task list and send to APL. The MLA should be ordering all measles testing in the LIS, even health centers

3. EQA Surveys:

- The CMPT microbiology survey will be coming this week. It is now going to have 7 samples instead of 5 and will be sent 3 times per year
- Laura S is not on the CMPT committee anymore. With the accreditation project, it seemed too much for me. It was very interesting to see behind the scenes and I learned a lot. So, Laura S will not know the answers anymore. LOL

4. Accreditation:

- No updates for this week

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5. IUD culture:
 - Laura S wasn't sure if we still wanted to do these or send them out to APL with the other genital cultures
 - One was received on the weekend
 - How do the people involved feel about doing these? Was it difficult since we don't get them very often
 - **We all decided we will do IUD here since they are not time consuming, and we have the SOP to follow. We need to decide what bench to put it on, wound or urine and we will discuss this next week**
 - **Blood product culture also came on the weekend. It went well. THIO needed to be added and was added through the port which is ok just be careful of the needle and whip the port with alcohol first**
6. Positive blood culture from IN:
 - Katie had an experience where someone from AB called wanting results on a patient for a positive blood culture with E. coli. She looked it up and couldn't find anything and spoke to the Dr and they said they were told the patient had E. coli. Then Katie went into results entry and noticed there was a folder for Inuvik and one for STH. That made her realize that the sample was an RE sample that didn't show up in STH list.
 - Laura S is going to ask Lena if this can be changed and the RE orders are STH orders and show up on our list
 - **This was good detective work for Katie to solve this. Hopefully we can get it resolved**
7. Biohazard garbage by BACTEC:
 - Do we want to keep the sharps container?
 - If so, this is fine just don't fill it past the line
 - **It is easier to use the sharps container, so we just don't fill it above the line**
8. VITEK fixed:
 - Godwin from BioMérieux came to fix the VITEK on Monday and do the PM
 - He said our VITEK is in great shape and that we take good care of it
 - He thinks what happened with the dilutor is some water sprayed on the part that calibrates the automatic dilutor, and it stopped working. He said to be careful when changing the saline that it doesn't spray anywhere or leak anywhere
 - **We are going to have a refresher training on changing the saline, so everyone is sure how to do this procedure. We will use the VITEK 2 manual**

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9. HPV process:

- This is going well
- The other labs will order, collect and receive the samples and send to us. We will receive and plate them. We need to make sure the "fax to" sticker is on the requisition and then they go in the blue bin at the back
- When we get them, we order, collect, receive and plate them and put on the fax label and put them in the bin
- We have been sending them on Monday for sure but not sure if we should send twice a week? What do we think about this
- When sending them out, they need to get a box, put on exempt human specimens sticker, our address label and the bio-test lab label. Then fill out FedEx waybill and put box and waybill at the front of the lab for pickup. Put one of the waybill stickers on the chart on the specimen fridge so we can keep track of the shipments. This chart also includes NML samples.
- When the results come back, we need to transcribe them in the LIS using the keypad. Make sure to pay close attention if one test is positive that you have selected the correct test. We also need to scan the report into SoftMedia, so print the label from results entry. Does everyone know how to do this? We do not need to copy OCPHO on these results, which is much easier for us
- **We will send one batch a week on Mondays**
- **When resulting some of the results , we noticed they made errors with our LIS accession number. This is ok as it is not an identifier. Just use the patient first and last name and DOB as identifiers when matching up with orders**

10. Automatic stainer:

- Laura S has put in a submission for this
- Not sure where to place it. The drainage hose needs to go straight down and into the drainage container. The back counter by the BACTEC might be the best place as we need to access the drainage container to empty it
- We can think about this and what will work best

11. Roundtable:

- No one had anything