

Microbiology Meeting Minutes
May 28 , 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:
 - How is everyone doing? **-Everyone is doing well. Moses wanted to discuss the HPV**
 - Does anyone want to add anything or talk about anything? **-Moses wanted to let everyone know he has put in his resignation, and it has been approved. His last day of work will be October 31, 2025. Laura S has submitted the paperwork for his replacement. Hopefully we will have someone here by end of August/first of September**
 - Laura S wanted to talk about the HPV testing. It is more than anyone thought it would be, and we can see it is causing us extra work. If this is becoming too much, we can think about sending out BV swabs. The HPV testing should slow down, and Laura S can help. She can enter the reports, just need to make sure everyone knows how to do this when she is away- **Everyone agreed we will keep it the same for now and see how things go. Everyone works together so we will be ok**
2. Safety concerns:
 - Does anyone have any safety concerns? **-No one had anything to add**
 - Laura S doesn't have any
3. EQA Surveys:
 - CMPT M251. Go over all samples
 - One takeaway is the anaerobe on the fluid sample. Thought about adding KV plate to fluids but now when thinking about this, not sure if it is necessary. Main thing is to remember that there can be a second organism on the BRU. Especially in abdominal type fluids that can be messy
 - **Katie let us know that the wound that had *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* is interesting as this is a new pathogen in animals which is probably one of the reasons, they chose it. Also, since it is a CNS, it could be missed or not worked up**
4. Accreditation:
 - No updates for this week

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5. Blood product culture:
 - It has been changed so don't send a copy to the patients floor. This is causing confusion for the providers as they didn't "order" this testing
 - When the sample is completed, just make sure you print a copy and give to Amy so she can add it to her file
 - The SOP has been changed to reflect this
6. Remote access BACTEC:
 - There is remote access now on the BACTEC
 - If you open Google Chrome, it will take you directly to the site
 - When you call BD, they will give you a number and you type this and then BD can connect
 - Laura S will update the SOP with this information
7. Mycoplasma/Bord validation
 - The Mycoplasma validation was successful so when we get this from APL, we LIS will add this target to the panel, and we will report it
 - There is no notification required for this test
 - Laura S will update the SOP
8. CandiSelect validation:
 - Laura S has asked for the official validation for this
 - Dr. Solomon asked us to include other types of samples such as deep wounds, blood cultures, etc.
 - Any time you get a yeast that you put on SAB put it on the CandiSelect
 - **Laura G asked about sputum samples. Laura S said anytime you would have put something on SAB, put it on Candiselect and keep for the validation**
9. Adding Check Biohazard boxes to Friday duties:
 - Since Moses will be leaving us, we need to make sure the biohazard boxes are ordered
 - Laura S is going to add this to the Friday duties
 - Discuss how to do this with Moses
 - **Laura S will add this to Friday jobs and we can either phone them at x46458/46036 or email them at sth_maintenance@gov.nt.ca if we need more boxes**
10. Extra Wednesday in July:
 - There are 5 Wednesdays in July
 - Laura S thinks it will be good to do the biannual maintenance on this day and has added that to the July QC check sheet

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11. Closing blinds in evening:

- The temperature has been getting higher in the lab
- One suggestion is to close the blinds in the morning when the sun is shining in
- Try to remember to close the blinds in the evening and then we can open them later in the morning

12. Roundtable:

- **No one had anything to add**