

Microbiology Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025
12:00 to 13:00

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

1. How is everything going? Does anyone have anything they would like to discuss?
 - No one had anything to discuss
2. Accreditation:
 - Topic is Lab Environment and Access
 - Laura S will go over the standards
 - Mock tracer will be completed this afternoon
3. Safety:
 - Be careful outside and in the parking lot. It is very icy and very slippery out
4. SAM account codes:
 - Laura S asked about having them fixed in SAM but apparently it is a big issue
 - If everything you are ordering has the same account code, you can override them with the correct code
 - Laura S can go through the list and mark which ones are right and which ones are wrong if that is helpful
5. Densicheck:
 - Biomerieux is sending us a new pod and new cables
 - If the new pod doesn't work, then the issue is with the base so we will need a new one of those as well
 - For now, just try to get the pod to charge. It randomly seems to work
6. Christmas Oxoid order:
 - Laura S received the shipping schedule for the holidays
 - Orders to be shipped the weeks of December 8 or December 16 need to be in by November 28
 - We have done well with this the last few years with Chelsea and Jen doing the planning. Katie can get involved with this too, so she is aware how we do it

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7. BC that grew multiple organisms:
 - Laura G can talk about this specimen. **Was a positive BC that had at least 6 organisms growing in it. She consulted with Laura S and the rest of the micro lab, and it was decided we would report skin mix and GNB mix. It was good that Laura G set up the VITEK before she left for the day as we previously discussed but it was mixed so couldn't be used. She also recognized that the Bacillus spp. growing was hemolytic so not a biosafety concern. She also talked with the Dr. the next day who originally wanted everything worked up. After discussion with him and letting him know how contaminated the sample was and that another one had been collected when the patient came to ER and was negative, it was decided to keep the report as it was. Laura S let everyone know if this happens, we can call the microbiologist or ask the ordering Dr to call them and discuss**
 - Sometimes with our job we have to make decisions, but it is good we let them know that multiple things are growing and let them decide what to do
8. Doxycycline validation:
 - It is completed now and submitted to APL
 - We know it will pass, so you can use this disk now if needed. Laura S will make sure the CLSI values are in the LIS
 - It is showing up on the KB QC now, so we have started running this today
 - **Katie has made new QC labels, and they are saved in the Microbiology folder and are called Organism and QC Labels. She has made them in the same order as the panel on TQC and they fit nicely on the page. There are 2 additional MHP plates needed due to the new disk. The Wednesday QC Job Aid has been updated to reflect this change.**
9. CMPT VRE:
 - We repeated everything from the start. The GPI was Enterococcus faecalis which is correct and the GPS had the vancomycin MIC as resistant.
 - We did the Vanc ET and it did look around 3 or 4 so we re-incubated it another day. The next day there was growth up to the top of the disk, but it was just small colonies
 - For the CMPT, we should do the GPS just to see what that comes out to, but we shouldn't do this for patients as the GPS vancomycin isn't reliable, that is why we do the ET
 - Not worried about this with real patients, it is something to do with what they are using to get the organism
 - Laura S is looking at another company for VRE competency as there are these ongoing issues with the samples from CMPT

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10. Reporting positive BC in the LIS SOP:

- This has been revised to add the additional changes we have made (Inuvik, etc.)
- It is saved on the shared drive and printed out in the microscopy manual
- It is being peer reviewed so might be a few changes
- Make sure if you have a positive BC and it is not the normal positive blood culture; you follow the directions in this SOP. It has all the LIS steps involved
- If anyone has any questions or notices any issues let Laura S know. Some of the situations do not happen very often
- Remember last week we went over reporting positive fluid specimens in the LIS and it included samples in orange top containers and those in blood culture bottles

11. PCR moving to SoftLab:

- After discussion with SCC, we have decided we will move the PCR testing to SoftLab as it works better in that module
- Laura S has asked we start with MTB as it isn't interfacing now anyways
- We will go over this in the meeting
- **We went in and ordered a test one. Micro isn't sure where the Call Button is so Laura S will ask, and we need a label for the cartridge and the conical tube so Laura S will let LIS know this. We will make sure to understand how this works before we move the testing.**
- **Laura S asked if everyone could do a test order in TEST3 and try to result it. If there are issues, let her know.**

12. LIS upgrade:

- This will be happening soon
- Laura S will be helping LIS with this, but Chelsea might help too since she has taken the super user training

13. Roundtable:

- No one had anything but discussed Laura G upcoming vacation to Mexico.