

## Microbiology Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2026

12:00 to 13:00

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

1. How are things going?

- Everyone said things are good and no one had any concerns

2. Cleaning slide for THIO sub:

- Katie mentioned this. She subbed a THIO for the day 5 and the gram showed GNB. She was skeptical if this was real, so she cleaned a new slide and repeated the gram and there was no growth
- This is a good reminder that for sterile samples we should be cleaning the slides. They could have fingerprints or just picked something up during transport and we don't want to mistakenly say there is growth when there isn't

3. New leave forms:

- Please use the new forms
- They are the same but not 3 copies
- Laura S can scan them and not have to keep paper copies

4. Flu A no subtype:

- Remember these need to go to NML
- There is a cheat sheet for this listing all the emails and notifications that need to be made
- Laura S will get this into a formal SOP at one point
- Where should we keep this cheat sheet for now? **We agreed to put these sheets at the front bench. It includes the Flu A no subtype and the MPX send out and any bacteria for typing**

5. Accomplishments for 2025:

- We designed and implemented HPV testing for the NWT
- We validated Mycoplasma pneumoniae for the BF in June
- We validated CandiSelect agar in July
- We validated Doxycycline discs in November

6. Exciting things for 2026:

- We will be getting the automated gram stainer. This will need to be validated but will be a big improvement
- We may be implementing GAS testing on the GX. Jen D seems more likely to do this now. Laura S just needs to make another case for it

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7. Lab morale:

- Go over notes from meeting
- We discussed the issue and are really going to try to work towards solving this
- We discussed the bullying and harassment policy for the hospital and what it means

8. Roundtable:

- Jen created a folder for fax confirmations. It is in the folder holder on the reagent fridge. There is also a folder for the micro requisitions in case a location needs a copy
- Laura S wanted to remind everyone to put their CSMLS membership into SAM for reimbursement
- Laura S wanted to let everyone know she is going to do biosafety training next week and micro staff needing training will be the test subjects for this. Feedback will be appreciated on how the training works 😊