

Microbiology Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026
12:00 to 13:00

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

1. How are things going?
 - Francis has started this week. Everyone is excited to meet him and glad he has joined our team
 - Moses is back. Laura S missed his first month here but happy to spend the next 2 months with him. Moses was given a special T-shirt
 - The automated gram stainer has arrived. Keith is coming in April to set it up, but we might start before that. We will clear the counter space and find place for the supplies to go. Maybe a new cart beside the BSC that has more space
 - We are going to validate chromogenic GAS agar for throats. This will be a good improvement
 - Our last CMPT bacteriology survey results were received, and we got a perfect score. It is hard to remember the surveys so long after. Laura S will assigned the critiques to everyone for review
 - French Active Offer. We should be answering the phone Hello/Bonjour. Use the sheet to contact someone who can speak French if the caller wants this
 - Chelsea wanted to talk about something that happened with a urine sample. There was an orange top container and a blue top container and 2 requisitions-1 for micro and 1 for urinalysis. Chelsea took the micro one out and then put the urinalysis one in the core lab fridge. The core lab MLT was upset that she didn't bring it to them. Laura S is going to discuss with Lisa what do we do with these samples if they are put in our bucket. Who do we give them to and where do we put them

2. CXWDS/CXWDD/SCMRO:
 - Laura G had a situation where a MRO was ordered, and a wound culture was ordered
 - She wasn't sure if needed to do the MRO if wound culture was being done
 - Yes, if this is requested, we need to do both. We would likely catch MRSA with the wound culture, but we might miss VRE due to the SOP

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3. Clinical history sexual assault:
 - Sexual assault is not a significant clinical history for genital culture
 - If this happens call the location and ask them what they are looking for. If they want N. gono then they should order CXGON
 - Culture won't really show anything that could be related and this is why it is not an acceptable criteria
 - If they really want it and are upset, just send the sample out
4. Vag for genital culture:
 - The issue seems that when we order CXGEN and cancel it even though the comment says we are doing BV the location just see cancelled and get upset
 - We discussed some ways around this
 - One suggestion is to treat it like the CXRES when it is rejected. We won't cancel it but just put a comment
 - We will also need to deal with the gram. Laura S will see if she can remove this
 - Laura S will look at this and make a decision
 - We also discussed the Aptima orange label tubes. Further discussion about these will happen
5. EpiCenter clear messages:
 - Katie learned that we should be clearing the messages that pop up daily
 - Laura S will add this to the SOP and will add it to BACTEC daily maintenance SOP and log
 - Laura S also learned earlier last year that the same is true for the VITEK. She had just been doing it, but she will also add that to the VITEK SOP and maintenance log sheet
6. Salmonella spp in blood culture or sterile fluid:
 - The VITEK will not speciate Salmonella species. It needs to go to APL for that
 - If we do get that in a blood culture, we should send it for full ID
 - Laura will check the SOP to make sure this is clear
7. Doxy KB with ESBL:
 - If a patient ESO flag is ESBL positive and you are going to set up a MAST, set up Doxy KB as well in case you need it
8. FS samples:
 - They are going to start ordering their own micro samples again
 - We have noticed some are ordered and some are not

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9. GAS chromogenic agar:
 - We are going to validate this agar
 - It will be a good compromise for throat cultures, not PCR but better than regular culture
 - The plates are stored in the CO2 incubator
 - We will have to do GAS latex on red colonies
 - Laura S has to look at what if sens is needed, do we need to sub them out

10. Blinds open at night:
 - The other morning when we opened the blinds there was a lot of moisture
 - This is because they were closed all night and the cold air and hot air caused condensation
 - We will try to open the blinds before we leave for the day and then we can close them in the morning if needed

11. CAP samples:
 - We have started to receive the new CAP samples and noticed the way they are set up is very different
 - Make sure to read the instructions that come with them before setting up and don't assume what to do with them
 - This is the same with the CMPT samples

12. Roundtable:
 - Katie-Brough up an incident where she received a urine sample from ICU but on the requisition, it was also written "Please collect blood cultures." Katie had to check and see if they had been collected (they were not) and called ICU to let them know not to do this. She then had to give the requisition to the core lab to have them collect it. If this happens again, make sure the cultures haven't been collected. If they haven't, order the sample you do have and give the requisition to the MLA to collect the blood culture. Hopefully this was just a one off.