

Microbiology Meeting Minutes
March 11, 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?
 - Bree is the new specimen control supervisor
 - There is talk of offices changing. Stay tuned.
 - Wanda will not be here for the next few weeks. Not sure if she is returning before she retires
 - The LIS upgrade validation is underway. Laura will be working on this a lot in the next couple of weeks

2. CLSI M100 standards:
 - These are updated yearly
 - They need to be updated in SoftMic and SoftTQC
 - They have an expiry date in TQC, and this is why they didn't show up on TQC last week
 - If an order does not come up in TQC, it is usually because there is no active lot number
 - Good for everyone to know this

3. APTIMA with orange label:
 - These can be used for vaginal swabs and can be used for BV, Trich and Yeast
 - If we get one of these, we should not reject it
 - If it is a Stanton patient, order as MISC and put in the comments what testing is needed. Send sample with the req
 - If it is a community sample, send out
 - If they also send a C&S swab, with only vaginal testing ordered, just send it with the APTIMA tube. We won't be doing BV here and also having APL do it with the APTIMA tube

4. Salmonella spp.
 - Went over this
 - The SOP for blood culture and fluid culture as for full ID so Salmonella spp is not full ID so should have been sent out
 - Salmonella also needs to have typing done so it should go out for that too
 - We used to have a job aid for this when we did stool cultures but don't anymore
 - Laura will add typing tests to the send out job aid

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5. Genital cultures:
 - We are going to start doing all vaginal swabs here
 - If they order culture and it doesn't meet criteria, we are not going to reject it. We are going to order CXGEN with vagina as source. When you result the gram stain, it like a BV order. Then for the culture line, select the comment }GEN to add the comment that culture will not be done. This will ensure nothing is cancelled
 - Laura S will let Inuvik know this too
 - We will still send out genital cultures other than vaginal swabs to APL
 - We will still send out wound cultures on genital sources other than vagina to APL

6. Yeast cultures:
 - When we get our yeast plates, we will start doing all yeast cultures regardless of criteria listed
 - It is causing us a lot of issues and easier to just do it than cancel it and deal with all the unhappy providers

7. Roundtable:
 - No one had anything