

Microbiology Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2026
12:00 to 13:00

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

1. How are things going? Anything to discuss?
 - Everything is good and no one had anything to discuss
 - Laura S wanted to mention how the white colonies in urine doesn't have the full workup on the keypad. Everyone was just working around this. If something isn't working well in the LIS, let Laura S know and she may be able to fix it

2. Laura S away:
 - Laura S will be away starting Friday until May 19
 - Jen will be the responsible tech the first week and Chelsea the second
 - They will be holding the weekly micro meetings
 - The new tech Megan will be starting on the 19th
 - Chelsea and Jen will make sure the daily maintenance is done on the PREVI, so the reagents don't dry out
 - CMPT bacteriology survey is coming on the 4th

3. Workload:
 - The front bench is very busy now
 - Who should do the PCR? Should it be the evening tech and should we just do 1 batch? They are not STAT and to go back and forth takes a lot of time
 - What about CXGON for the urine bench? Is this too much work
 - We need to prioritize the workload. HPV are not a priority. BV are not a priority but need to get slide made. PCR isn't a priority anymore
 - BV will probably slow down with the APTIMA tubes.
 - **Everyone said things are good and we will keep it as it is. CXGON isn't too much work, and we would like to keep it. Discussed prioritizing and how it is necessary when it is really busy**

4. PREVI monthly maintenance:
 - Will be done on the third Wednesday of the month
 - This will even out the monthly maintenance on the micro equipment and will be done on the same day as the BioFire monthly

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5. Strep A plates:
 - We are using them fully now
 - Make sure to check the plates well. Some red colonies are very small and very mixed with the throat flora. It would be easy to miss them.
6. MTB on GX:
 - Make sure to check the requisition closely and see if they have written on it that they want GeneXpert
 - One got missed last week and not sure who missed it, but we need to make sure to check them carefully
7. CAP VRE:
 - We just finished the CAP VRE
 - The pink colonies ID as *E. faecium* and not *E. durans*
 - This is a good thing, and it was good to switch from CMPT to CAP
8. Items in SAM:
 - Let Laura S know if any of our new items are not in SAM
 - She is updating the ordering list and has asked for GAS and PREVI stains to be added to SAM
 - Let her know if there is anything else that needs to be added
9. MRSA duplicate:
 - The SOP says a rule will pop up in LIS if MRSA is a duplicate order
 - This means it will happen if we order a nares and then order a groin
 - Laura S would like to keep it for now just so the SOP don't need to be changed
 - Should know when accessioning and it pops up if you just ordered the other source on the same patient
10. Multitest swabs:
 - We cannot just put them in the cat B box to be sent out
 - Some of them need to be ordered
 - Jen D wants the MLA to order them
 - Laura S let Bri know if there is a C&S swab in the package, it can be put in the micro bucket so we can make sure we do not need to do any testing and then we will put the micro checked sticker on the bag and give it back to the MLA
 - Jen D wants the multitest ordered a certain way using a REF test. Laura S doesn't know what that is so we cannot help with that. But if it is a APTIMA unisex swab (MRGEN) and we are ordering something else on the patient, we can order the MRGEN since we are already in the patient stay

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11. Issues with ID of organism:
 - If you run a identification and/or sens card on an isolate and there is an issue the next day and you are not sure why there is an issue (not mixed, enough growth, etc) then repeat the testing once. If the issue is still there and you do not know why or how to resolve, then send to APL
 - This way the testing will not be delayed, and the doctor will know what is happening

12. PREVI stainer:
 - This week, Chelsea and Jen are validating it
 - Laura S hasn't written the SOP yet but has shown Chelsea and Jen how to do the daily maintenance
 - It is important it is done daily in order to keep the instrument working well

13. Roundtable:
 - Moses: Module 5 on BioFire isn't working well. Laura S will reach out to biomed again and find our extra modules
 - Laura G: wanted to talk about the Pseudomonas she had issues with this week. The GNS wasn't giving results. She said it was a slow grower, and this is probably why it wouldn't work. Incubation time was too long and VITEK rejected it.



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14. Roundtable:

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