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- ASM Applauds FY 2015 Budget's Increased Funding to Fight Antibiotic Resistance
- ASM Endorses American Cures Act of 2015
- ASM and PASCV Issue Joint Statement on FDA's LDT
- ASM Participates in CDC Telebriefing on the Ebola Outbreak in West Africa
- ASM Attends December CCCLW Meeting
- ASM Signs Implementation Letter on Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance
- ASM attends FDA Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee Meeting
- ASM Meets with Officials from WRAIR
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- FDA Grants First CLIA Waiver for Nucleic Acid-Based Flu Diagnostic Test
- Emergency Use Authorizations of In Vitro Diagnostic Devices for Detection of Ebola Zaire Virus
- Optimizing FDA's Regulatory Oversight of Next Generation Sequencing Diagnostic Tests
- FDA Approves a Second Vaccine to Prevent serogroup B Meningococcal Disease
- FDA Approves New Antibacterial Drug Zerbaxa
- FDA Approves Pathogen Reduction System to Treat Platelets
- FDA Approves First Pathogen Reduction System to Treat Plasma
- FDA Grants CLIA Waiver Expanding the Availability of Rapid Screening Test for Syphilis
- MMWR Articles of Interest

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPDATES

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Blood Culture Contamination Laboratory Practice Survey

The American Society for Microbiology (ASM) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are conducting a survey to learn about laboratories' practices and policies for reducing blood culture contamination with the goal of improving practice and patient care. The baseline and post-surveys will each take approximately 35 minutes to complete; participation is voluntary. The results from the survey will be compiled and shared in aggregate as a learning tool, presented at professional conferences and potentially published in a professional journal in the field of laboratory science. All information collected in these surveys will be kept in a secure manner; your IP address will NOT be retained.

If your laboratory has not yet participated in the baseline survey, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3Y9Z38P> and complete it by (date to be determined by OMB approval). If your laboratory has not yet participated in the post-survey, which was distributed six months after the baseline survey, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6TNXKMF> and complete it by (date to be determined by OMB approval). Your feedback is critical to guiding ASM and CDC in their efforts to improve practice and patient care. Contact clinmicro@asmusa.org with questions or concerns.

