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## ASM Clinical Microbiology Issues Update

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### **PSAB ACTIVITIES**

- 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
- Minority Microbiology Mentor Newsletter

### **ASM NEWS, JOURNAL ARTICLES AND UPDATES**

- Blood Culture Contamination Laboratory Practice Survey
- Laboratory Practice Survey

- December Clinical Microbiology Portal Hot Topic
- Clinical Microbiology Portal Q & A
- ASM Conferences
- ASM Journal Articles of Interest
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### **FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- 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**

- Articles of Interest

## ASM NEWS, JOURNAL ARTICLES AND UPDATES

### 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](mailto:clinmicro@asmusa.org) with questions or concerns.

