

LAB Dept MEETING – Huddles

Date of Meeting: January 5, 2017

Attendees: Mark Gomez, Elliot Faure, Erin Straub, Michelle Trammell, Melanie Magee, Alan Dandridge, Mhae Villafuerte, Blanca Coscia, Juliet Garlejo, Lourdes Maniago, Jocelyn Ybarra, Greg Johnson, Bill Craig, Denise Topliff, Patricia Jasper, Marissa Calilung, Rika Wakelin, Nancy Boyd

Topic	Details	Action Item, responsible person, date due, or informational only
KUDOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Janet for 2017 Happy New Year display • To CLS for covering co-workers during breaks and holiday staff shortage 	Informational
KUDOS SAFETY TIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use crosswalks, care when walking and driving during rain • Per Denise, safety is always first. Read your weekly safety injury report. 	Informational
From Denise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 will be a financially tough year. UBT and individual staff need to work together to contain costs. Need good inventory control, attendance, avoid overtime. • PSP report is out. Refer to your email for the most current information • Several automation coming for laboratory: ESR, Osmo, IQ, and BB • 2 new CLS starting on 1/30/2017 • Badge swiper requested twice as capital equipment for two consecutive years. We will communicate any update. 	All Staff
Tourniquet disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to dispose tourniquet properly in patient rooms after using. There have been reports of green tourniquet found on the floor and on patients' bed. 	Phlebotomist
Blood Culture bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure to log new lot/delivery of BC bottles in the Micro QC binder 	Phlebotomist
Urine Culture Mislabeled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two cases of urine culture mislabeling for this month. Gray top urine culture container was labeled with urinalysis test. Please read the test before labeling the tube. 	Phlebotomist
ED Phleb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added D3 in the schedule and break guidelines 	Informational

Osmometer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Run all QC every other day, once a day starting today, 1/5 17. Open Clinitrol is kept in the Chem refrigerator. Day shift – Run Clinitrol and serum QC; night shift – urine QC.	CLS
IQ 200	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do maintenance and run QC daily. After running QC, run 2-3 patients to familiarize ourselves with the pictures. Night shift CLSs, do this too without running QC. QC is run once daily.	CLS



December 21, 2016

URGENT MEDICAL DEVICE RECALL Resolution Section Updated

PRODUCT	REF	SOFTWARE VERSION
UniCel DxH 800 Coulter Cellular Analysis System	629029, B24465, B24802, B68304	All
UniCel DxH 600 Coulter Cellular Analysis System	B23858	All

Dear Beckman Coulter DxH Customer,

Beckman Coulter is sending you this letter regarding a documentation update for the blast Suspect Messages. The Suspect message information has been updated for clarity.

ISSUE:	Beckman Coulter has determined that additional clarification for the Blast Suspect messages is necessary. In rare situations, the UniCel DxH 800 and DxH 600 Coulter Cellular Analysis System may not flag or detect blasts in some blood samples. This is due to limitations in the available technology as well as sample limitations.
IMPACT:	In these situations there could be a delay in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions associated with blasts in the peripheral blood.
ACTION:	<p>Please refer to the following modified information for both the Suspect messages and Limitation sections for the Differential:</p> <p>Blasts are detected, but not enumerated, by internal algorithms using acquired events, histogram and dataplot patterns, and sophisticated statistical methods for all available data for the sample analyzed. A standard trigger value or limit corresponding to enumeration on peripheral smear cannot be established because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laboratories differ in their desired sensitivity to abnormal flagging and messaging.• Laboratories differ in their definition of blasts.• Mature and immature abnormal cell types may be identified as blasts.• Blasts can be rare events. <p>Blasts can represent a mixed population of cells often associated with specimen abnormalities that alter the white cell population's pattern distribution in dataplots and histograms away from a normal distribution. The presence of blast cells may trigger other available Suspect messages, and not all blood samples that contain blasts may report a Suspect message.</p> <p>A blast Suspect message is not diagnostic. The user should not rely upon instrument results alone to replace the need for manual microscopic review of blood samples, if indicated by other clinical and laboratory features of the patient. Further diagnostic procedures and clinical evaluation must be evaluated for diagnosis.</p>

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Technical Bulletin

SCPMG Laboratory System - Regional Reference Laboratories

Microbiology Services – 12/28/2016

Testing Location Change: Stool pH and Reducing Substances

- Effective December 28, 2016, Stool pH and Reducing Substances will no longer be performed in the Parasitology Department at the Regional Reference Lab, due to the discontinuation of reagent production by the manufacturer.
- The testing will now be performed at the Quest Diagnostics Laboratory by an alternate method.
- The ordering of pH and Reducing Substances will be temporarily unavailable in Health Connect. The orders must be done manually, and sent directly to Quest from the originating laboratories.
 - **pH Feces, Test Code 1304, CPT Code 83986**
 - **Reducing Substances, Feces [5022X], Test Code 91018, CPT Code 84376**

Questions?

- Client Service Center, 1-888-4LABNFO, or tie line 397-7077
- Peggy A. Stahlheber, Operations Manager, RRL Bacteriology, 818-503-6877, tie line 397
- Paulette L. Medina, Assistant Director of Operations, RRL Bacteriology, 818-503-6831, tie line 397
- Vahe Khanlian Director of Operations, Microbiology Services, 818-503-6646, tie line 397
- Darryl Palmer-Toy, M.D., Ph.D., Medical Director, SCPMG Regional Reference Laboratories, 818-503-7028, tie line 397

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SCPMG Laboratory Systems - Regional Reference Laboratories

Microbiology Services –12/30/16

Proper Handling of Measles Specimens - Los Angeles County Medical Centers

In response to a recent outbreak of measles (Rubeola virus), we will be sending samples from patients with suspected active infection to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH).

- Samples will be collected in the exam room, and may include a nasopharyngeal swab and/or urine for PCR, and serum for Rubeola IgM. They should be accompanied by a manual requisition. Process as indicated below.
- The KP HealthConnect order for RUBEOLA IGM [86765C] should not be used. Please contact the ordering provider if you receive such orders.
- For asymptomatic patients with suspected contact with active measles cases we will continue to order RUBEOLA IGG [86765D] in KP HealthConnect, and test at the RRL.

Test Information

KPHC Order Name	None. Manual requisition required https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/vrdl/Documents/VRDL_General_Human_Specimen_Submittal_Form_Lab300.pdf
Specimen Source	Serum, nasopharyngeal swab, urine
Specimen Container	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serum Adults and older children: RD7/RED7 (red top) or GLD6 (serum separator tube) Children: 1-2 microtainers or capillary blood (finger/heel stick, 3-5 capillaries)• Nasopharyngeal Swab: Mini-tip flocced swab provided in the BD Universal Viral Specimen Collection Kit• Urine: UR25
Minimum volume	Minimum of 0.1 mL serum Minimum of 1 mL urine
Specimen Stability	Centrifuge serum sample immediately and work in a Biological Safety Cabinet. Refrigerate ASAP after collection, and transport direct to LACDPH. They can be held at 4°C for 72 hours before shipping. Otherwise aliquot serum and freeze, preferably at -70°C and ship on dry ice
Turnaround Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next day for Rubeola IgM
Transportation Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call for a LACDPH Courier, 562-685-1460 Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM. If their courier is unavailable for transport, call A-Line for delivery.• LACDPH address: 12750 Erickson Avenue, Downey, CA 90242, (562) 658-1300. Send "ATTN: Immunoserology Unit". Include manual requisition.

Questions?

- <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/lab/labmeasles2.htm>
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (562) 658-1300
- Dr. Nicole Green, LACDPH Laboratory Director, 213-974-1234

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This concludes the Minutes of the January 5, 2017 Lab Staff Meeting.

Prepared by: Nancy Boyd Date: JAN 9, 2017

