**CAMPAIGN: NO TOURNIQUET LEFT BEHIND**

**Background:**

* Since 2014 we have had 8 incidents reported where the tourniquet was left on the patient arm
* 2 incidents were attributed to new staff with little experience
* 6 incidents are attributed to either difficult draws where the blood was not obtained or distractions due to patient’s behavior (restless, uncooperative, etc.)

**Corrective action:**

* Staff suggested an additional step of checking for the tourniquet at the time of removing gloves.
* IHL-SPD-I Blood Collection procedure has been updated to reflect this change in section 2.3.39

***Effective immediately, everyone will adopt the practice of ensuring the tourniquet is removed at the time of glove removal.***

**PATIENT SAFETY INITIATIVE: SINGLE USE TOURNIQUETS/CLEAN SURFACE**

**Effective March 21, 2016:**

* Tourniquets will either be ***single patient use*** for inpatients or ***single use*** for outpatients, including WRCC and Outpatient Labs.
* Blood collection supplies brought to a patient side will be kept from contamination by performing one of the following:
  + Disinfect the patient side table with a wipe prior to placing the items on it
  + Putting a clean paper towel down and placing the items on it
  + Using a clean zip-lock bag to bring the items in, discarding the bag after use.