

# Blood Bank Huddle Notes

8/22/2023

Please make sure you sign off in the Huddle Note Binder located on the Triage work bench or on the MTS website.

## 1) Versiti

- a. Online ordering begins today, 8/22/2023
- b. Please do not use the phone system to place orders unless it's an emergency or downtime.

## 2) Timekeeping

- a. NEW Mobile App
  - i. Allows you to punch in/out on your mobile device
  - ii. Staff need to be INSIDE the hospital to use it even though it works outside of the hospital (i.e., don't punch in or out in the parking lot)
- b. 6 minute "grace" period
  - i. The 6-minute grace period before and after you punch in/out does not count against your attendance however, it does fall into the professionalism component of your evaluation.

## 3) RhIG

- a. As a corporation, we are switching from RhoGAM by Kedrion to HyperRHO by Grifols (#:13533063111).
  - i. (300mcg)1,500 IU, 1mL syringe, pack of 10 syringes
  - ii. Item # in our pharmacy system: 5440953
- b. A laboratory bulletin has been sent to the physicians and stakeholders notifying them of the change.
- c. As of 8/22/23 we have approximately 28 Kedrion vials on the shelf so we will be ordering in the future.
- d. When ordering replacement RhIG, place order with the inpatient pharmacy.

## 4) Liquid Plasma

- a. Since the loss of our alternate supplier (South Texas) for products, we will begin receiving liquid plasma directly from Versiti
  - i. Troy will receive 3 liquid A plasmas every other week directly from Versiti
- b. Do not use for pediatric patients

## 5) Blood Bank Best Practice Updates – Per Dr. Davis, Dr. Powers and Dr. Johnson

- a. We NO longer have to offer RhIG to providers of Rh(-) patients that receive Rh(+) RBCs.
- b. RhIG only needs to be offered when transfusing Rh(+) platelets to an Rh(-) patient that is a woman <50 years old or a male that is < 18 years old.
- c. Sick cell patients: transfuse with RBCs that are > 15 days before expiration (i.e., fresh)

## 6) Quality Reminders

- a. Units that have tested positive (+) for an antigen must also have an antigen tag placed on them and they must be entered into the LIS.
  - i. Antigen positive (+) units should be placed on the allogeneic shelf; not on the antigen typed shelf.
- b. If you call other places to get rid of inventory, please make a notation on the shift-to-shift form of where you tried and what you are trying to get rid of.



## 7) MLS Students

- a. Update: According to Nancy Ramirez, School of Medical Technology Educator, the students can perform testing on actual patient samples as long as they are closely monitored by the training technologist.
- b. We will have the next round of the 44-week students beginning 9/18/23

## 8) Variances / QSR's

- a. Missed DELAY comments on multiple patients
- b. Using the wrong antigram for an ABID
- c. Patient that is a GND but has no antibodies only needs an ISXM
- d. In a MTP it is not necessary to provide irradiated RBC to the patient
- e. When returning blood from issue, do NOT throw away the Record of Transfusion.
  - i. Place the Record of Transfusion in the "Issued" slot of the file folder at the issue station.

## 9) MTS Login

- a. Troy Beaumont no longer has the Media Lab account.
- b. All procedures, Huddle notes, and weekly competencies will be distributed through MTS.
- c. If you have not logged in yet, please make sure you have access.
- d. There are currently 2 procedures for review with minor revisions:
  - i. ***Investigation of Incompatible Crossmatches***
  - ii. ***Taking the Temperature of Blood Products***

## 10) Vision

- a. If you disagree with or determine that the reaction strength should be changed, you must then edit the well on the Vision so the new reaction strength is documented on the Vision printout.
- b. When you are the operator on the Vision, please make sure to sign out when you step away from the instrument.
  - i. We recently had a technologist perform work under another tech's ID w/o the person's knowledge
- c. Be careful when adding liquids to the Vision. Last week a tech mistakenly added distilled water to the saline container and didn't realize the mistake until all the RBCs were then hemolyzed.

## 11) Blood Bank News

- a. Congratulations to Hana Lucaj! Hana is making a career move and going to Ascension (not Lab core). She will be working with the cancer physicians running their outpatient clinics. We'll miss you, Hana!