

**Troy Beaumont Laboratory****Blood Bank Huddle Notes**

03/12/2024

**1. Corewell Health Updates – East**

- a. A 3% general pay increase for all eligible Corewell Health East care delivery team members will become effective Sunday, March 24, and will be visible in your pay slips on Friday, April 12.
- b. There will also be a matching retirement plan contribution to those who participated in the legacy Beaumont Health 403 (b) plan in 2023. We will match your contributions at a rate of 50 cents per dollar up to the first 4% of your overall contribution. Contributions to your retirement account will be made in May.
- c. All eligible full and part-time team members active in Workday as of Dec. 31, 2023, will receive a special appreciation award of \$250. This includes team members who work in a casual, resource, temporary and PRN role, which is commonly known as contingent. This award will be added to your regular compensation on March 15, 2024.
- d. **FAQ site:** <https://spectrumhealth.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/my-life-at-spectrum/Shared%20Documents/GPI-FAQ-2024.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=sqDoyb>
- e. **Glint Safety Survey**
  - i. Please make sure to complete the Glint Safety Survey by March 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. The questions are regarding how safe you feel that the organization is.

**2. Medical Director Updates**

- a. The new Chief of Pathology for Troy is Dr. Siddiqui.

**3. Education****a. OEE: East Education / Training**

- i. Each team member will be enrolled in the Epic education module.
- ii. All staff must be fully enrolled by May 17<sup>th</sup>. If you don't see your registration by April 1<sup>st</sup>, then please let me know.

**b. Direct Observation of Competency 2024**

- i. Ghada has begun the direct observation process for all BB techs.
- ii. Please make sure you get with her to schedule yours.

**c. Versiti Spring Wet Workshop**

- i. *The Mystery of Multiples: Cracking Cases of Antibody Identification*
- ii. Date: May 16, 2024
- iii. Time: 8:00 am - 4:30pm
- iv. Where: Versiti's Blood Center of Michigan, 29305 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, MI
- v. Cost: \$75 (reimbursement from CHE upon successful completion of the course)
- vi. First come, first served – limited to the first 20 enrollees.
- vii. Deadline to register is May 3, 2024

**4. Reminders****a. Antigen Typing Log – UNITS ONLY**

- i. Make sure you are completing the log for billing purposes of the antigen typing of units.

**Troy Beaumont Laboratory****b. Newborn wrist bands**

- i. The new shipment of baby bands with the N# only have 4 digits in the number. There are still some the 5 number bands left so please be aware that both bands are acceptable.

**c. DTT Testing**

- i. Here is a summary of when we send for DTT testing:
  1. The first time a Darzalex patient reactive at 60-minute No LISS comes in we send to make sure there are no underlying antibodies since rule outs could not be performed.
  2. Repeat DTT screen testing would be done if any of these occur:
    - a. The 60-minute No LISS surgiscreen strengths increase.
    - b. Unexpected stronger crossmatch that could signal the formation of a new antibody.
    - c. Every 90 days from the last time it was performed.
  3. DTT crossmatches:
    - a. Perform when it is not possible to obtain phenotypically matched units.
    - b. If a patient has a TWI or WarmIgG, then we must do DTT treated crossmatches even if we have phenotypically matched units since we can't provide phenotypically matched units for a TWI/Warm IgG. In this case, Royal Oak does not have to repeat the DTT screen unless any criteria from the first set of bullet points are met.
  4. NOTE:
    - a. When sending samples to Royal Oak for DTT testing, we send a BMISC that they can do their ABID from, and an aliquot for the TS that they can use for DTT crossmatches if indicated.
    - b. Royal Oak will keep the BMISC sample and an aliquot of the TS.
    - c. Royal Oak will document the DTT crossmatches as an internal comment under the crossmatch for the unit; they will not result the crossmatch.
    - d. When they send the units back, we have to do a gel crossmatch using the TS sample that we retained. This will be incompatible, so the least incompatible form does still need to be documented and the RN/Doctor does still need to be notified that the units are not compatible.

**5. The Spotlight**

- a. Congratulations on passing your boards!!
  - i. Melissa Camitan
  - ii. Lindsey Stafford
  - iii. Mary Reeves