Blood Bank meeting minutes

December 16, 2014

Present: Jennifer Harris, Chris Zalocusky, Glenda Martiszus,

* Old Business
  + Antigen typing-The procedure is complete and it being reviewed. I hope to have it complete and in the workflow by the first of the year. QC for antigen typing will no longer be put into MCARE with the new procedure. There will be a form. More information to follow.
  + The freezer has finally been moved to the main lab.
  + The new fetal hemoglobin kit should be being used in parallel with the old kit. Please start doing these so that we can evaluate this and change if we want.

* People
  + Histo Lead tech
    - Still interviewing
  + Phlebotomy position
    - 1 position still open.

* Financial
  + None

* New Business
  + Donna's Retirement party is on 12/30 in the conference room.
  + We have run out of the manufactured fetal hemoglobin controls. Please use the ones that I created and froze on slides in the freezer in the box marked, "Created". These slides are already fixed so you just need to go from step 7 with the control slides. The patient slides will still need to go through all steps.
  + AABB/CAP inspection-We didn't receive any deficiencies on our AABB inspection, but we did get one on the CAP inspection. It was on a standard that went into effect April 2014 that says we need to correlate between methods of testing. A new procedure and form have been developed and the reading was assigned in MTS. Please read and sign off there. The only real change is that the same sample is run in three different methods and we keep track of it on this form.
  + Autoverification for the Centaur and STA will go into effect in January with the Sysmex to follow soon afterward. This will effect all areas as it should lessen some burden as we downsize some staffing and gear up for the Shiloh opening.
  + Medical Necessity-This has not impacted BB, but Kathy is looking into how it works and what we will need to do in other areas for add ons.
  + Factors are GONE! Yeah!!! Pharmacy will be picking up the factors and we will no longer have them to deal with in the BB. I will put out an official notice when it happens for sure.
  + Shiloh lab-We need to start looking at our processes and thinking about how we can make the BB processes work with less printed paper. There will only be one printer in the new lab. I am only really concerned with GTS and ABO/Rh orders printing. Transfusion orders, orders for delivery and transfusion forms shouldn't be a problem. Right now we are just thinking….
  + Make sure that you are carrying the phone when it is our day to cover C&D.
  + It was suggested that we do ABO confirmations on all L&D patients who need it. I agree, so effective immediately, we will begin performing ABO confirmations on all patient's who are in ED and we know are pregnant and anyone on L&D floor.
  + It was suggested that there be a comment added to a GTS so that the floor would know that blood is ready, not ready, or that we will call when it is ready. I am talking about this with Melissa and I will get back to the group next month.

Respectfully submitted,

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