August 2011 Hematology Department Meeting

August 28, 2012

Attending: Julia Sauls, Vicky Douglas, Susan Rowan, Bruce Reese, Brandon Mason, Patty Isbill, Kay Schanuel, Evan Evans, Kathy Stanley

1. CAP - Inspection can occur from September 11th through December 11th. Fort Leonard Wood is performing our inspection, so we anticipate it to occur earlier, rather than later in the time period.
2. Reagent/QC labeling – Just a reminder (and not just for CAP inspection, but all the time). Any time you place a reagent on the STA or Sysmex you need to label it for date, time and your initials. This includes reagents that are pre-made (D-dimer, FacXa, etc.). We have had too many experiences lately that STA reagents have nothing written on them. If you are switching analyzer and you pull off an un-labeled reagent or control, you should discard it as there is no way to determine how long it has gone un-refrigerated.
3. BD Urine Collection Kits – Beginning September 17th the nursing areas and OP will begin using the BD urine collection kit when collection urine specimens. There will be additional information and training (in HeathStream) as we get closer.
4. Competency – Reminder that competencies are due by October 31st. The second semen motility competency will be available this week in HealthStream. Also – you are required to have a problem solving for C&D – however it can be as simple as noticing that an incorrect tests was ordered and changing it to the correct one.
5. Instrument issues – a reminder, mostly for evenings and nights, but also on the weekends and holidays when days is short staffed. If you have instrument issues on the STA or Sysmex, unless it is a very easy fix, move to the other analyzer so testing is not delayed.
6. PKUs – reminder that PKUs should be sent out on Saturdays. The state requires that they receive the PKUs within 3 days (we are graded on this). We have set up with UPS to pick up the envelope on Saturday from our front admitting desk. If UPS fails to pick up the envelope, you need to inform me of this.
7. Quest pickup - We have Quest pickups scheduled from Monday through Friday. If we need a Saturday pick we can call for one.
8. Swine (H3N2v) flu testing – IDPH and CDC is monitoring for cases of H3N2v swine flu. This variant is not passed from human to human, but from swine to human. We have had a question added to the FLUAB tests that asks if the patient has come in contact with swine. If the answer is Y, then the test needs to be sent to IDPH (Carbondale) for testing.
9. Phlebotomy - They have hired a number of new phlebotomists and we still have one more FT days and per-diem position to fill. As they are all trained and C&D staffing normalizes we will look at removing techs from C&D as a scheduled position.
* Butterflies – please be careful – we’ve had 2 incidents recently where techs have accidentally stuck them themselves. The proper way to use the safety sheath on the butterflies is to hold down the ‘wings’ and pull back on the tubing to withdraw the needle from the patients arm and into the sheath.
* Patient surveys – please try to give out patient surveys, especially when you have a happy patient. Please put your initials on the survey so we can pass compliments onto you.
* Mobilab – hand held phlebotomy is in the budget for 2013. This will allow direct patient ID, labeling and verification at bedside.