**Fauquier Hospital Laboratory**

**Core Laboratory Notes & Reminders for Techs/LA’s**

November/December, 2013

**General Lab:**

***STAT results on Out-patients:*** Remember to Call these results AND document the call in the report. These calls do NOT wait for the secretary the following morning. If you do not document on the report, the secretary cannot tell if it was called or left for them.

**Computer:**

**Chemistry/Urinalysis:**

**Specimen Processing/Phlebotomy:**

**Reference Test processing:**

**Hematology/Coagulation:**

**CBCD w/ Manual Diff for Neonates –** The label will read **CBCD Neonatal.** This will run through the LH750 as a CBCD so there will be automated results to compare with the manual differential. We basically made the CBC & Manual diff a single order.

**Histology:**

**Kits/POC:**

SOFIA – New instrument designed to read some of our Kit tests; Influenza, RSV & Strep. Will eventually also read Pregnancy, Legionella & Strep pneumo. Training will be available Wed, Dec. 11 & Fri, Dec. 13. If you want to come in on your day off, check with Sara to make sure there is a training slot available.

**Microbiology:**

**Blood Bank:**

Reminder: when a Medical Record is merged that contains a Blood Bank specimen, the record will be frozen. This means that no Blood Bank results will be allowed to be filed on the current specimen until the record is released. Complete all testing using the manual process and notify Anita or Mary Beth to review and unfreeze the patient record. This is a patient safety feature and cannot be overridden.

BB armband numbers can no longer be moved from one account to another. If you are in a situation where you would have previously moved the armband number, you will now need to do the following:

* Get a new specimen collected and give the patient a new armband (make sure the old armband is removed)
* Remove XM’s from the original specimen.
* Crossmatch previously crossmatched units to the new specimen.
* If blood is needed urgently & the original screen was negative, do a quick retype & immediate spin XM on the new specimen
* Go ahead and issue the first crossmatched unit while other testing is being completed.
* Repeat the antibody screen & XM any remaining units on the new specimen.

**Follow up with Resource Techs**

Review of Resource Tech responsibilities.

Reminder:

* The NNP (Neonatal Nurse Practitioner) or Dr. Juanpere is available on FBC 24/7. They can be a resource for pediatric/neonatal collections throughout the hospital.
* Always start with Perfect Serve when trying to call results after hours.

FBC Resources:

Ellen Bejger, Nurse Director

Rachel Shackleton, Clinical Coordinator for Newborns