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#### **PURPOSE:**

Outline of duties and responsibilities of Station 1 in Processing in regards to receiving and sorting specimens

#### **SCOPE:**

Processing personnel

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

All processors are responsible for reading, understanding, and competently performing this procedure.

**EQUIPMENT: N/A** 

SUPPLIES: N/A

#### **PROCEDURE:**

- A. Phlebotomists:
  - 1. Mobile phlebotomists hand samples to Station
  - 2. Confirm the number of specimens matches what they have documented
  - 3. Sign any paperwork they may have detailing what they delivered
- B. Local BBPL Couriers (Yellow Route):
  - 1. The courier counts the specimens
  - 2. If the count matches, sign their route sheet
  - 3. If discrepancies occur during count, notify coordinator / supervisor immediately
  - 4. If the courier has a Will Call/STAT, log in to Antrim to resolve the will call.
- C. Third Party Logistics
  - 1. Pink, Purple, Orange, Blue, Green, Tan, Red, Grey, Lime routes are contracted
  - 2. Follow the GML SOP for signing in couriers
- D. Always unpack bags in order received: "first in/first out", excluding Expedites which will always take top priority.
  - 1. Expedite specimens on routes:St. Louis, Kansas City Expedite, Kansas City Non-Expedite, Springfield, Fulton State Hospital, Landmark Hospital, Rusk Rehabilitation, Columbia Endoscopy and Columbia Dermatology Histology Tissues.
  - 2. Urine Toxicology orders
  - 3. All Cytology/Histology needs to be accessioned as soon as possible.
    - a. Process ASAP All Cytology, Columbia Endoscopy (Rush), Hospitals, Swann Dermatology, General Tissues samples and other histology samples such as tissue blocks.

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- E. Unloading courier totes/bags
  - 1. Unload all contents of the courier bag into the gray bins
  - 2. Make sure all samples, paperwork, etc. are removed from each section of the courier bag
  - 3. Place miscellaneous paperwork off to the side while unpacking bags
  - 4. Once empty, place the courier bag on the floor to your right so that it can be double checked later
  - 5. A second person must double check the courier bags to confirm everything has been removed, i.e. samples, paperwork, cold packs, and dry ice.
- F. See the SOP for Guardian Medical Logistics (GML) Specimen Tracking for the scanner procedures for specimens received
  - 1. No specimen should leave Station 1 until it has been scanned in
  - 2. Successful reconciliation of the GML totes or completed scanning in of the JS delivered specimens is always required
- G. Sort the specimens in the gray bins as follows:
  - 1. Check for STAT's/Priority specimens. Place requested STAT orders in a STAT bucket and process immediately
    - i. Make sure to unfold any requisitions that are quad folded into ½ requisitions in order to confirm whether or not "STAT" testing is requested.
  - 2. Histology place all histology samples and slides (assuring they have been documented on the slide audit sheet) in the histology bin.
  - 3. Cytology sort cytology samples by GYN cytology or NON-GYN cytology
    - i. If it is a GYN sample place in the large grey cytology bin to be taken to the histology lab as time allows
    - ii. If it is a NON-GYN cytology sample place in the smaller clear cytology bin for accessioning.
  - 4. Microbiology (Bacti) place orders for Microbiology **only** in the Micro tub for accessioning if Microbiology tests are the only orders.
    - i. If there are orders for other labs and micro they need to go down the line for accessioning
    - ii. Place urine with Bacti orders in the "Combo" bucket
  - 5. Mail place all mail in the tub labeled "Unsorted Mail"
  - 6. 24 Hour Urines send down the line to be processed
  - 7. Drug screens place all Chain of Custody (COC) drug screen samples at Station 2
  - 8. In house toxicology is a priority and needs to be sorted immediately and sent to a processor trained in Urine Toxicology
  - 9. Frozen samples-When you receive frozen samples sort them based on presence of original

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requisitions or copies of requisitions.

- 10. All frozen samples without original requisitions will be placed in the "Sorted Frozen" styrofoam container and a processor will call for them at a later time.
- 11. All frozen samples with original reqs. will be buried in dry ice in one gallon zip lock bags. Place all frozen samples with original requisitions in the one- gallon bag. (Place 4-5 patients in 1 ice bag.) Place the one-gallon dry ice/sample bag in clear tub and give to Station 2 person to send down with the completed courier run
- 12. All clinical tests remaining (blood, serum, urine, etc.) are to be organized by requisition style (manual, web-orders, and interface) in the gray tub and placed by the Station 2 area when complete.
- H. Complete the daily bag inspections
  - a. Assure no samples were missed in the courier bags
  - b. Remove cold packs, divider and dry ice during inspection
  - c. Sign off on the "Final Courier Bag and Flight Box Inspection Form
  - d. If a sample is located report it to a coordinator immediately

#### **REFERENCES:**

1) GML Specimen Tracking

**RELATED DOCUMENTS: n/a** 

APPENDIXES: n/a

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