Laboratory Staff Meeting

Location: Laboratory - Core Laboratory

5 November 2015, 11:18 - 12:01



1. Salvation Army

a. A box will soon appear in the lunch room for non-perishable donations

2. OBS Syphilis

a. There have been many add ons recently so this is a reminder to staff to ask whether SYPH is needed when collecting a TS.

3. Respiratory Techs

a. Reduction in service hours to 0700-1500 now until Dec 4th

4. Patient Comment

- a. The lab received a patient comment about finding multiple urine samples in the pass-through. This was perceived as a tamper risk and confidentiality issue.
- b. Staff are asked to check pass through after each patient

5. GNWT Workplace Safety Awareness Training

a. This is mandatory training and must be completed ASAP. Takes at most 30 minutes.

6. Code Brown

- a. Recent incident where phenol and methanol were mixed producing noxious fumes
- b. Hazmat team arrived to assist, lab was evacuated and air circulation shut down
- c. Follow-up from the incident will include some changes to include all hazardous exposures (not just chemical spills)
- d. Any suggestions to make the code system safer should go to Carolyn/Elwood
- e. See attached WSCC report

7. Aliquot labels

- a. Must go on the instrument tube or the barcode extension will be incorrect
- b. Labels only print when the sample is received

8. Drug Table Changes

- a. All therapeutic drugs dosage information entered during accessioning will print on the patient report to assist in interpretation
- b. If you cannot obtain the information enter "Unknown"
- c. ELA asked for a memo to go to practitioners/wards to ensure they provide this vital information

9. New Territorial Requisition

a. Now available in WOLF

10. Capillary Gases

- a. RT would like to remind LAB to arterialize the tissue prior to collection
 - i. Warm using either heel warmers or moist heat (2-5min)
 - ii. Tissue must be warm, pink and flush prior to collection
- b. Carolyn will review the collection procedure

11. CSF's Referred to DynaLife

a. One went missing (DynaLife mistake)

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b. For future samples the test should be phoned/faxed to DynaLife/Prov Lab using the shipment notification form

12. ECG's

a. Kudos to all staff. The ECG's from October were all completed by Nov 4th; none on pending list!

13. Sterile body fluid cultures

- a. All sterile body fluids (for culture) from patients in the Beaufort Delta region and Nunavut must be worked up in the BioSafety Cabinet
- b. Plates will be labelled with new stickers to make them easily identified
- c. Rationale: higher risk patients

14. STH Requisition Job Aid

- a. A color coded job aid has been circulated throughout the hospital to assist nursing staff in deciding what tube to collect for a specific test
- b. This is an internal form only. Do not share with other sites

15. Round Table:

- a. April
 - i. Nov 27/28 LIS downtime (22:00-10:00) to have power replacement
 - ii. LIS may work for STH but reports will not generate (no LIS functionality for other hospitals)
 - iii. More to follow
- b. Pearl
 - i. All staff should investigate strange smells (RE: recent code brown)
- c. Jen
- i. The Oxford Pipette for 6N HCL has been taken out of service due to it seizing and spraying acid.
- ii. Staff will need to use a graduated cylinder to measure off the acid.

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Inspection Report

Industrial

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Occupational Health and Karen Pardy Safety/Infection Control Coordinator

Laboratory Supervisor Carolyn Russell

OBSERVATION(S):

Officers Pascal and Hausauer conducted an inspection at the STHA after a Dangerous Occurrence reported to the WSCC on Friday October 23 at 8:54 PM. The incident involved a lab worker inadvertently mixing Phenol and Methanol in the lab shortly after 7 PM.

We were met by Karen and Carolyn and led to the Lab. The process for what occurred was explained whereas Methanol is decanted into a small (approximately 100ml) plastic squeeze bottle from a larger (approximately 1000ml) bottle. The lab tech whom is very senior grab the bottle of Phenol and proceeded to the decanting hood where she poured phenol into the squeeze bottle which contained a small amount of Methanol. When she removed the bottle from the fume hood area a drop of the liquid came out of the bottle when she smelt a strange odor. Knowing instantly what she had done she replaced the bottle into the fuming area, evacuated the Lab and implemented their code brown procedure.



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The decanting enclosure was observed to have a sticker attached certifying it on Sept 17, 2015 with a label on the fume hood to be left on at all times. The chemicals were observed to be stored in a flammable cabinet in a different room with Phenol in a glass brown on the top left hand shelf and Methanol in a plastic bottle on the bottom left hand shelf. Carol advised us that the Methanol used to come in a glass brown bottle as well. A suggestion was made to perhaps label the shelving in the flammable cabinet to assist in identifying which products were where.

We were advised that on Tuesday Oct. 27 Karen and Carol would be having a meeting with the lab employees as well that the OHS committee was scheduled to meet in the afternoon on Tuesday also. We requested the results for both meetings be forwarded to Safety Officer Pascal once complete.

The Stanton Hospital staff have followed up accordingly and are in the process of implementing further reccommendations to prevent a reccurrence. No directions were issued with this report.

Received By:

Employer Representative

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Laboratory Collection Job Aid

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