1. Update on Connie:
   1. She is in Edmonton until the end of May for Chemo/Radiation
   2. April will be getting a gift basket together
   3. Laura S suggests we make some meals upon her return
2. Sarah Sibbeston:
   1. Welcome to our summer student!
   2. She will be working primarily in the Core Lab
3. Non-fasting Lipids:
   1. Resulting non-fasting as fasting has consequences; especially for the LDL calculation
   2. In lieu of clinical guidedlines Jen is working with CPAC to determine how our practitioners want Lipid testing handled
   3. Consistent with current practise if patient is not fasting order TRIGR, CHOLR, HDLR.
      1. Jen will speak with PSYCH to offer this option where patients often eat prior to collection
4. Viral Cultures:
   1. Laura S asks if would be more efficient for Core Lab to accession? Answer - YES
   2. Accession as RSV, VIRC or VIRO. Micro only wants RSV’s on children less than 2 years old
   3. Jen will ask LIS to create an RBS rule to reflex the correct test code based on age
5. Theresa asks/reminds:
   1. Make sure you add drug level dosage information to all requests because this is needed for pharmacy to calculate dosage for patients
      1. Same for culture info (site / antibiotics)
   2. If you find a clotted CBC do not put it in the rack; discard
   3. Collect only a single tube for CBC/HbA1C’s. Otherwise cross off the test on the label so samples are not run in duplicate
   4. Clarification for morning start-up: If specimens arrive after 7am they can wait until start-up complete. Please use good judgement for STATs
   5. When changing EZ Cleen on the Advia save the remainder because it is useful during weekly maintenance. Pour off jug below instrument.
6. Roundtable:
   1. The red bucket in the specimen drop off fridge must be checked by all staff; not just micro. This includes weekends.
   2. Frozen sample tracking to freezer – Jen will follow-up
   3. Standing order requisitions must be scanned or photocopied prior to return to patient. This will assure we have an electronic copy.
   4. Mike will begin assigning blood bank procedures so please be timely in reviewing
   5. Urine microscope now has the phase contrast attachment installed
   6. Jean points out that OBS’s DAT protocol is not being followed
   7. Nicole points out that Weak D testing is being requested on babies that may not require it; RE: mom is Rh Positive
7. CSR Shutdown:
   1. Technicians are on site repairing; estimated return to service Friday
   2. All urgent care is being performed
   3. Some elective procedures are being delayed
   4. Some medevac and Nunavut patients are being redirected to Edmonton
8. DynaLife visit begins Monday:
   1. Various topics will be discussed including non-fasting lipids
   2. A transfusion specialist will be on site to discuss
      1. Consolidation of NTHSSA testing at Stanton
   3. If you have questions please feel free to ask

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