

# Staff Meeting

Core Lab Sept 27, 2023

**Attendance:** Erin, Jobelle, Hanna, Uswald, Tessa

**Regrets:** Jeff, Bayo, Theresa, David, Amelia

- POCT sample collection- 55 positive SYPH, 30 negative SYPH and 10 patients that are positive for both HIV and SYPH, this is for Adelaide's validation. Please remember to save an aliquot and freeze. This is more important for the positive samples. There is a rack in the freezer for them.
- Performance Docs ready to enter- They were due to be entered by Sept 15. Please work on these and I will begin meeting with all of you to discuss them.
- Differentials/Morphs- Please make sure you are looking at the print outs when resulting CBC's and that you are following the guidelines on when to perform a differential/morph. Remember there are times you **must** always make a peripheral smear, regardless if it falls within the 7 day rule for inpatients. One example is when the printout shows **Blasts/Abn Lymphs**, even if the inpatient had a differential done the day before you must still perform the differential.
- Post Fire Evacuation- I want to thank everyone again for all the work they did to help us prepare the lab for evacuation. I know it was a stressful time, but everyone really stepped in to help and I appreciate that.
- Positive Hepatitis samples- Dynalife is requesting a copy of results when sending down positive Hepatitis samples for confirmation. Sandy is checking with their staff again to see if this is still a request from them. I will relay the response when I receive it.
- ALK slides- Please read and initial posted memo about the ALTV slides. There have been some issues with these slides in regard to an increased substrate depletion when samples are in the 600-1500 range. You will now be required to dilute samples X10, and then based on the results you receive will determine what result you will verify. I have put a task in Sharepoint for LIS to put an RBS rule that will put a warning on these results in the meantime please pay very close attention to your results.
- Pending Lists- I am still being told that people are not checking their pending lists on evening shifts. I know Evenings are busy, but you have to make this a priority at the end of your shift, even if it means you have to stay past 2300. Leaving it for the day staff should not be a routine thing to do as they are also busy getting the analyzers ready for the day.
- Staffing- Megan has officially given her notice and will not be returning to our lab. I have interviewed another technologist and I am just awaiting her last reference to be submitted and then we will work on getting her transitioned here. Once that task is completed, I will be putting a NORA in to have a posting go up for another MLT.
- eGFR reporting- As of today we will begin using a new equation for eGFR. The main difference you will notice is we will now be able to report numerical values up to 120, instead of 60! If you get any questions regarding the changes you can refer them to them to the following website, [www.akdn.info](http://www.akdn.info) which can be found on the published memo today.

