

Staff Meeting

Core Lab Jan 10, 2024

Attendance: Hanna, Jobelle, Jolina, Jeff, Uswald, Amy

Regrets: Theresa, Erin, David, Amelia

- NVCI- Please make sure you get your online portion of the NVCI course completed. In person training will take place the week of Jan 22, and this must be completed before attending. Please see me if you did not get your access code from My Learning.
- PPE- A reminder of proper PPE usage. A gown that closes in the back, **MUST** be worn at all times when working the bench in Core. When you go for a break hang it up on the hooks by the bathroom, and do not hang it on the back of your chair. When handling any specimen gloves **MUST** be worn. If there is a chance of splashes, eye protection **MUST** be worn. Eyeglasses do not count as eye protection so you must wear one of the eye protection available to you. I have goggles that go over your glasses or for those that find this uncomfortable we also have shields.
- Safety Issues- Please make sure all lights are on when working in the lab, this includes the magnetic lights under the cupboards.
- Dialysis Samples- A reminder that Pre-Dialysis bloodwork must be run before the Post dialysis samples. The Post sample requires the results from the Pre to do the calculations. If the Post gets run before the Pre this work then needs to be done manually. I am going to ask the MLA's to bring these Pre samples over to Chemistry to spin, as I am hoping this will help elevate the issues. Please let me know if this helps. Update: I have sent an email to lab staff notifying them of the change.
- CA660- We will have to begin using the CA660, this week, for all analytes. We are running low on cuvettes, and I will not be ordering more. Please make sure you have your checklists completed and handed to me for your files.
- My Learning- You will see that you have received some courses that look to be duplicates of courses we already did. I have been told that these have different content than the ones we have, and you will need to have them completed by March 1. Again, we have days with extra staff so please use this time to work on your mandatory training. If need be, I will book the computer lab so people can go and not have any distractions.
- Feb Schedule will be changing a bit, please watch for the new one to be posted.
- When cancelling or rejecting a sample, please remember to notify the collecting wards so they are aware they need to redraw.
- Frozen Samples- We are now in our cold time, and we have seen some samples come in from the communities frozen. When this happens, remember gold top tubes that are spun and not separated still need to be rejected. Also, if things are aliquoted, and they freeze, make sure it is something that can be frozen, if not it also needs rejected.
- Amy will also continue with JKa competency Assessments.
- Staffing- I will be conducting interviews in the next couple of weeks to try and recruit another staff member. Also, Bayo will be coming to do a casual term in March.