GENERAL LABORATORY STAFF MEETING

MINUTES

JULY, 2017

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Combined Minutes			•
*State Ground Rules!!	Respect each other; talk one at a time, everyone has the right to speak as long as they do so respectfully. We need to listen and communicate with our patients and deliver what is expected, i.e., no errors and timely results. Always utilize AIDET and the 5/10 rule (10 ft. make eye contact, 5 ft. say "Hello" and smile).	Respect	NA
2017 Lab General Staff Meeting Agenda	 The R.I.S.E.S Value of the month is the AHC Mission –"We extend God's care through the ministry of physical, mental and spiritual healing." Focus on the word "extend." Extending shows our active role in offering our hands to support and serve others. Pillar of Excellence of the Month is "People". Department review of 6 Dashboard Measures of Success. Our metrics measure our success delivering our objective or "One Main Thing." Our "Main Thing", Core Purpose, Processes & Responsibilities – The Laboratories core mission is to provide accurate and timely results to aid clinicians in providing patients with "World Class" diagnostic services and care. 	Patient Experience/Excellence In what ways can we demonstrate Excellence?	Mgmt. Team and all staff
Quest – "Every Day Excellence " Confidence is Crucial	 The confidence and trust our customers have in us is key to enhancing their experience with us and ensuring we are the customers' lab of choice. We build customer confidence and trust by actively listening and focusing on four communication opportunities. Communication with transparency – this means we provide details to ensure we get it right the first time – no surprises. Consider how and why we say "no" – explain the reason (a law, regulation, process, or business need) and offer a solution that we can deliver. Respond to the unexpected, or when things do not go according to plan, with compassion and care. Shield our customers from our complexity – this means tell customers what they need to know <i>by</i> providing an easy-to-understand explanation that does not overwhelm 	Excellence/Patient Experience/Service	All

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	 them. They DO NOT need to hear ALL of the details of how our internal processes work. Practice Active Listening – a structured way of listening and responding to focus on what is being said 1. Focus on what the customer says and do not multitask. If it is a phone call, take notes. 2. Respond with a summary of what is said or ask a question. You do not need to agree with them; you are restating to ensure clarity. 3. Notice the customer's logic and emotion instead of forming your response or fast-forwarding to where you think they are going. Identify habits you need to unfreeze. Think about what you can say or do differently that would be a big payoff for 		
	building patient's confidence. Listen and focus. When answer is no, give an alternative.		
Lab General Staff Meeting	 Everyone was given a quiz on the R.I.S.E.S. Values, Pillars, Mission statement and Lab's "One Main Thing". This will be mandatory for everyone to know by the end of the year in order to work at the hospital. This month's pillar is "people" This involves Employee Engagement. Taking ownership of you and your department. Some of the things we do to be engaged are follow SOP's, demonstrate flexibility with staffing schedules. Per Quest's survey, people were unhappy with pay and being pulled in all directions. Pay improved with everyone receiving an increase. 	Patient Experience/Excellence	All
Mid-Year Evaluations	The responsibility is now on employees to check your goals and schedule time with your supervisor to discuss. If you are highly engaged, you will do this.		
Benefits	Everyone should take advantage of Quest Retirement Benefits. The company matches 6% and the benefits are transferable. It is strongly recommended. Also, Quest stock is going up. Suggest you participate and you can purchase at a discount rate. Cappella Education is offering more courses and you can take on line free. Atsu has enrolled. You can discuss your education with Stephanie and Rob.		
Staffing & Budget	 This month the budget was on the positive side. We made more than we spent. We need to be conscious of how we use butterflies, but we do not want to create negative experiences. We need to continue to reduce OT, control supplies, staffing and spending. Do not wait until the end of the year to take TOP. We could go over budget. Quest has changed the staffing model. We will be hiring more PT for the morning run. Once people are trained they can eventually transfer to full time positions as we have openings. At SGMC, Esther is going PT and Zebene will be working to cover. We have 1 FT and 1 PT non-technical position. One PT will be starting next week and 1 coming in Sept. Samson is interviewing for PT for day and 1 for night shift. 		

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	 Randy is short night shift processing if anyone would like to work. We are waiting for positions to be approved to replace Shantall and Ashley at WAH. 		
	Rob reports to Sal out of NY. He is responsible for 16 hospitals and has a lot of hospital experience. He compares us to other hospitals and looks at their numbers. He looks and compares the number of phlebotomist draws per hour; 3 people to 4 and minimum of 5 per hour.		
	We need to continue to be proactive; watching supplies, keeping an eye on the board and help wherever needed. If the phone rings, answer it. Do not leave things for the next shift if you can do it.		
Equipment	Sysmex is up and running at SGMC, WAH, and GEC.	Service	Julie
	Sysmex Auto verification takes too many steps. Managers and Lead Techs need to know every time something does not work. There will be a lot of changes to SOPs. MCV delta failure is a problem also. If sample is normal it will auto release. Need to make a list and prioritize. Julie is working on this.		
Code "Lavender"	Per updated Hand Hygiene procedure, if you notice someone did not wash their hands you need to tell them "lavender." They should say "thank you". It was added to the procedure because people did not want say anything to doctors, nurses, etc. In addition to washing your hands, you need to pump in and pump out of all patients rooms you enter. Auditors could be watching and think you did not wash your hands.	Quality & Safety	All
DMAIC 2017 PI Projects	 The PI projects align with our core purpose or: One Main Thing. Everyone must understand what our projects are, why they were selected and how we are doing. 1. Throughput – Morning Lab Results by 0800 2. Throughput – STAT & Timed Results 3. Timed Sample Collections 4. Samples w/o Orders 5. Mislabeled Samples 6. Patient Experience 	Patient Experience	All
	It is critical that we have staff buy-in for our projects. Please collect the requested data to ensure we can drive the required change to improve quality, patient safety, and work practices which in turn will make everyone's life better.		
DMAIC PI Project Status	 We have defined projects (DMAIC) and they are currently in the "Control" stage for mislabeled samples and samples without orders. The target for mislabeled samples is less than 2 a month. One problem we are having with samples resulted by 8 is people are not getting in on time. 	Excellence, Service	All
	• Specimens without orders appear to be improving. Still finding samples without orders without documentation. We will be rolling out nursing education soon.		

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	Collecting samples within 30 minutes - we need to correct power plan. The time needs to be corrected. Cardiac enzymes are being fixed in Cerner. Some were canceled before we received the order. When John Doe's register, we have to figure out who the patient is, Sunquest does not recognize in Cerner. We need to get it changed immediately. We are continuing to work with physicians to not order everything STAT as well as putting in correct priority codes. There is still a lot slowing us down. If you are interrupted while you are checking patient ID's, just explain to the patient and start all over again.		
Training / Competencies	Complete MTS assignments and be sure to read documents and take the tests. There is an MTS on Career Ladders. They will include a trainer position. Your supervisor needs to recommend for senior or group lead positions. It is not automatic. Leadership roles can be developed and managers can help you. You need to meet the level you are applying for 4-6 months before your request it. Once you get the position and do not continue to meet the standards, you will be demoted. Complete Empower and competencies. Phlebotomists have MTS for edited procedures. Training for phlebotomy is in the process of being re-written. The goal is to make the process more streamlined. There will be 4 competencies a year. The new training program will be out next week.	Excellence	All
Team Work and Communication	Everyone must communicate their concerns. Please go to your supervisor. Many things we can help and some things we cannot change. Everyone needs to work together as a team.	Respect & Integrity	All
Our Dashboard	 Our dashboard is a series of standardized graphs showing our metrics that are posted throughout the Lab, i.e., Samples Resulted by 8:00 am, Healthstream – Overall Facility Rating (i.e., parking, registration, assisting people as much as we can). The blue line on the graphs represents what we did. The purple line is "World Class". The green line is our "Target" The arrow indicates which direction we want to move the blue line Does everyone know how to read the Metric Graphs? The arrows should indicate the direction you want the results to go. Example – Mislabeled Samples we do not want any, so the arrow goes down. Red arrows indicate it is not good. Yellow means in the 5% average range. Purple is "World Class". Patient Satisfaction or Healthstream are going in the right direction. We want to sustain and keep high. Some of the patient disatisfiers at WAH are parking, lack of enough chairs in the patient waiting area, etc. 	Excellence	All

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	STAT and time collections are red. This is causing the work load to double. We are looking into it.		
Open Forum	 WAH – Needs a computer and printer in the Lab. Would like one in the lab lounge also. Stephanie will talk to Anthony with Quest as well as Marie. WAH – The phlebotomy area has been newly painted. The patient waiting area will also be painted and they will be getting new tables. 		Stephanie & Marie
Next Month's Rises "Respect"	Please review and be familiar with the Pillar and R.I.S.E.S. attached to these minutes.		All
Pillar "Quality & Safety"			

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