# Hematology Lab Weekly Meeting

# Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2015

* Reminder regarding punctuality – you need to be at your bench with your lab coat at your assigned time. The department of Lab medicine has a 3 minutes grace period, which means that you have no more than 3 minutes after your appointed time to be at the work bench with lab coat ready to work.
* There was an additional budget cut last week by the Governor. He decided that there were some other payments to the hospitals that the State is going to cut. The tax cut for YNHH as a non-profit is now 64% which is higher most for-profit companies. If you go to Intranet they are asking for your support to send letters to your local State official’s. There is a template already in there and is very similar of what they were doing in the past. We the people need to get out there and give support and send letters to our representatives so they know that we are concerned on what’s happening in the State with the hospitals. Your support will be greatly appreciated.
* High reliability outcome training in the hospital – One of the outcomes or goals is to have 0 preventable deaths. Reduce the number of serious safety events. In the past the hospital has been looking in percentages. This year our PIP is going to be based on absolute numbers like in preventable deaths, serious safety events and readmissions. The bar is been raised once again. Pat will post this information. Even after the latest cuts the hospital is going to keep the merit ranges the same and also the PIP still up to 3%.

The newborn special care area will be moving here and it will be upgraded with the best equipment.

The musculoskeletal unit is up and running at SRC. Also the GI surgery area is being renovated at SRC.

* Kelly, Jerry and Andrew are going to be working with the TEG instrument. This will help to manage the unnecessary blood transfusions during surgeries.
* When you get a white count of 1,000 for a CSF, the lab resident needs to be notified. This is considered to be critical information.
* If we have a miscellaneous person for the day they will do the maintenance and run Q.C on the Sysmex XNs.
* Special Heme – 2015 competency should be completed by 10/31. Kelly announced that we will start using labels that can be printed in Soft for BM smears. Those we currently use make it harder for the attendings and residents to read the smears. Any questions, ask Kelly.
* If you have not had an opportunity to perform maintenance or run controls on the XN. Ask a supervisor for some help. Its a good opportunity to get familiar with the new instrumentation before the GO LIVE date.
* Bone Marrows should be ordered in Epic and then released so Soft labels can be generated. If bone marrows come from outside hospitals, Greenwich, Bpt, etc. The LAs need to register them in EPIC. They do not get ordered in Soft.
* Shared specimens – new shared irretrievable specimen form is to be used. The last lab to receive the specimen, needs to scan the form in Soft Media to close the loop. The yellow portion will be saved in a folder and then forwarded to Meeok.
* We have a new student from the University of Bridgeport, Bob that is going to be with us for 7 weeks. Next week we have someone else coming also.
* Thanks for all you do!