Hematology Lab Meeting 2/11/16

* In case of an emergency in the lab, remember to call 155. 911 is only to be used when outside the hospital.
* We still have a need for people to work the evening shift in the comings; week of February 22 andweek of Feb. 29 . Sign up if you are available.
* When reporting out fluid results from the XN, remember we are reporting out RBC-BF and TC-BF.
* Anyone can schedule a Platelet Aggregation. Please schedule the test to be performed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Natalie will make up a script of what to ask in case there are any questions. Also, there will be no platelet aggregations during the last week of March due to the upcoming Beaker and Sysmex go -live
* Greenwich hospital bone marrows will now be handled like all other bone marrows. Surg Path slides are now to be made and but in the Surg Path bucket in the specimen processing area.
* Please remember to run QC on all 4 sapphires, all shifts.
* We will now be validating running joint fluids on the XN’s. 10 samples are needed. The procedure for running joints on the XN is located in the fluid area. Hyaluronidase lyophilized powder is located in the Special hematology freezer.

Joint fluid testing on XN-9000

* Remove one aliquot of hyaluronidase lyophilized powder (Type V from sheep testes made by Sigma H6254) from the Special hematology freezer, (must be stored at -20 degrees Celsius.)
* Take at least 1-2 mL aliquot of synovial fluid and transfer to a lavender top tube (note do not use original container)
* Use a wooden applicator stick and remove a small portion (less than half the size of a pea) of hyaluronidase lyophilized powder, and transfer to the 1-2 mL aliquot of joint fluid. Cap the specimen.
* Invert several times, test the joint fluid with a wooden applicator stick. If the fluid appears to be still viscous then add another portion of hyaluronidase.
* Run on each XN, print report and log automated vs. manual count results on joint fluid spreadsheet.
* WAM has been installed on several computers throughout the lab. Wet testing will occur next week. March 8,9, and 10th there will be onsite WAM training. Please remember to do your online WAM training before March. See Donna or another supervisor if you need help finding time to do the online videos.
* If you have been trained on the TEG and feel you need more practice on running the machine see Kelly or Jerry. We will be going live very soon!
* Thank you for all your hard work!