***Hematology Lab Meeting.***

*7/12/2018 @ 9:00 am*

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| *Present:* | ***Patricia Gelineau.*** |

Announcement:

Welcome Lucy.

Critical call results should be done in 30 minutes or less. Just a reminder since the department is revising its policy.

Taking place this fall will be a new review process concerning competencies. They're usually done around when your review is due. We might be assigning competencies by the alphabet for different months of the year. Whatever letter of the month you get will be when you have to complete your competencies

There are HealthStream assignments that are still due. Make sure you go in periodically and do the training as soon as possible they might be a deadline for completion in advance of the Go Live of Infor.

Note: The expiration date for the poured off tube is now 5 days instead of 30 days. This will avoid cross-contamination.

Parasites: - % parasite- count only the infected rbcs, regardless of number of ring forms in each RBC, it would be counted as one. If external rings are seen or other stages as in malaria, they will not be counted in the percent, but commented by the lab residents who will be performing the interpretation. We follow CDC and WHO guidelines in our procedure. If there is a positive Babesia/Malaria we perform BINAXNOW to verify Babesia or malaria and speciate type of malaria. Natalie will be training all the technical staff on the Binax and doing competency assessment on % parasitemia. There will be an update in the procedure on this. It should be done in real time.

The micro centrifuge timer is not working. We will need to set a timer separately. We will look into getting Armark to repair.

Next Thursday July 19th will be the next birthday month party for Jerry.

Patient sample with critically prolonged INR or No clot result with no history of anticoagulant (Coumadin) or Liver disease etc. analyze/verify result per procedure, call the floor with critical result and also notify our lab resident. Recently, it has been found that consumption of superwarfarin or contaminated marijuana increases severe bleeding and coagulopathies (article is posted on the white board). Please spin sample 10 more mins and make 2 aliquots and freeze it for further PT factor assays testing and leave a note for special coag tech.