***Hematology Lab Meeting.***

*9/06/2018 @ 8:30 am*

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

Announcement:

* The flu season is upon us. The schedule will be posted on the magnetic board as to when you can go get your flu shot. If you are planning to opt out it has to be cleared for medical or religious exemptions. You also have the option to get the flu shot done at CVS you just have to bring in a form that will need to be filed at OHS.
* We would like to acknowledge and thank everyone for all your efforts in keeping the lab working smoothly during vacations and our staff shortage. As to show appreciation, Dr. Rinder will host a Lunch and Learn for next Thursday, Sep. 13. He will have a power point for us to view and pizza for all shifts.
* **Reminder**: With the hectic workload, the priority should always be Stats, Strokes and calling Criticals timely. If you are very busy up front and can’t get to the criticals, ask a coworker or a supervisor for assistance.
* I'll been meeting with Claire to discuss some plans and strategies based on the information you gave her regarding the employee engagement survey. Thank you all for your participation.
* We've decided to change the miscellaneous person to a float or floater (Which means you will assist in areas that need help and if unsure where to go ask a supervisor). There are a few more evening shifts to cover for this schedule, please sign up if you haven’t yet.
* When we change reagents all that needs to be done is to run your QC in the consumable lot. The things that need comparisons are the strips. Comparing the old to the new strips. And when you change the lots for the stains just make sure you take some stains from the old and the new and compare them. The strips can be put up in the book and give Donna the other comparison.
* From the Workflow meeting, new policy for all inpatient Pediatrics patients less than 18, only cancel the preanalyticals, don’t send for redraw. Only outpatient will get the Redraw. Still alert caregiver of the cancellation through Follow-Up Task list or MHB.
* **TEG**: We are trying to get samples for comparisons with Point of Care’s ROTEM. When a TEG arrives page Karen Scorel at 203-412-7505 (Number is posted in the TEG area). She will come get one of the tubes on the sample if available.
* Blood parasite reminders:
1. 3 good quality smears should be reviewed for parasite request, 10 minutes per slide according to the CDC.
2. Review should be 2 person review if original person sees no parasites
3. Results should be written on instrument printout with techs’ initials
4. If slide negative a QBC needs to be made and read; if slide positive a BSINT should be ordered, quantitation performed and Binax done
5. Blood parasite request although not a rapidly performed test should not be moved to last thing reviewed in diff area (1 slide should be checked and if parasites seen resulting should be expedited)