***Hematology Lab Meeting.***

**2/21/2019 @ 9:00 am**

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| *Present:* |  ***Pat Gelineau*** |

Announcement:

Kyle is officially taking the vacant Full time night position.

Desiree will be starting on Monday for training. She is a per diem tech. She will be here Mon, Tue and Wednesday. Marc-Antony Valie has been hired for a day/evening position and will be starting March 18, 2019.

 New Instrument- The FIT instrument will be placed in the Special Hematology area. It's mostly going to be batch testing, being loaded once or twice a day. It will only be for outpatients.

SDS information is online and in paper form placed in binders for easy access on upper shelves near the Arkray #1.

The Streck ESR Instrument will no longer be supported for repairs/replacement by the end of 2019. We will be looking at new ESR vendors after our inspection. Also by the Fall 2019, we will be looking at new instrumentation for urinalysis since Arkray will stop supporting the analyzer by 2021. Pat will send the Beckman- Coulter pamphlets for their new analyzer for all to review.

Officially, Urine for Eosinophil test will be discontinued in Hematology. This was decided by the Hospital’s Formulary Committee and the Nephrology Dept.

Feel free to sign up for Friday morning case study conferences for your Continued Education in room PS 230. So everyone gets the opportunity, this will be done on a rotating schedule.

To build up morale, we're thinking of doing taco Tuesday. Donna is willing to prepare the meat and everyone else can sign up to bring things to compliment it.

We are also trying to come up with other ways to build moral both inside and outside of work. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, let us know.

Just a reminder, when you ultra-centrifuge lipemic plasma in Chemistry, ALWAYS ask a chemistry tech to spin it for you. Please do not use the ultra-centrifuge by yourself.

Please try to sign up for the lab week gifts as soon as possible the deadline is approaching it’s the 25th.