***Hematology Lab Meeting.***

**01/16/2020 @ 9:00 am**

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

Announcement:

The MLS referral bonus is now up to $2500 for new employees.

 Students will be rotating next week from University of Bridgeport.

 Please get your locker combinations to Pat as soon as possible. We would like to verify the numbers against the numbers we've been working off of to make sure hematology has all the right lockers and enough lockers for new employees.

Martin Luther King holiday is on Monday and the Smilow labs and all the offsite labs will be closed.  There will be a condensed oncology clinic on NP8 and we will get samples from there. The other open labs that that day are Shoreline they have an ED and SRC.

 There is a new SBAR out in EPIC about the new Corona virus from China. Patients are presenting with pneumonia symptoms. It's a new strain. Precautions will be put into effect beyond the Standard Precautions. Use Contact and Airborne precautions.

 Anyone interested in lab week can sign up to participate in different aspects of it.  And also during that week is Take Your Child to work day as well.

 We have New Great Catch Awards. Let Pat know if you want to nominate somebody for great catch. It then goes through the hospital committee for selection. Awards are pins and retractable badge holders.

 Joan brought up that the fluid cup rack hasn't been emptied for a while it was last done Dec 31st. Part of the fluid tech’s responsibility is to empty and discard both the rack and cups of samples.

Donna and Parveen- Regarding QC- if even one point is out of range it should be recorded in the Problem Log of the instrument. The corrective action should also be recorded. If it is “ remixed and run again” that needs to be recorded. This procedure is standard throughout the lab. Any questions, see Parveen and/ or Donna.

Training students and new employees- always follow the SOPs. No abbreviations.

Platelet Clumping- if the sample is grossly clumped and it is too difficult to get a numerical result. Use the fixed comment in Beaker. We are doing a study with platelets in the normal range that are \* from XN. Please get a printouts for these samples so we can review.

If there is IG on the XN what is done?

  Scan 1st time. If you see high bands or immature neutrophils, perform manual diff. On subsequent samples, if auto diff matches manual diff, it is ok to release results. But if is different from the previous you would have to do it again. IGs greater than 5%, you should do the diff 1st time. Subsequent samples if it matches, release results but if it's different from previous you should do it again. Other reminders- Blast flag needs to be scanned every calendar day. Abnormal diffs are performed every 48 hours to the minute in case you get calls regarding this scenario.

 For the bone marrow kits. They're going to be 2 separate boxes one strictly for radiology and the other Box is going to be for the other labs that pick up bone marrow kits.

 Next Thursday is thirsty Thursday downtown New Haven. An email for Flights of Fancy was sent out, if you are interested you can purchase your tickets online $20. The day of tickets are $25. The tickets sell out pretty quickly. It is like having a wine Tasting. It should be fun join us if you can.