***Hematology Lab Meeting.***

**03/5/2020 @ 9:00 am**

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

Announcement:

Coronavirus and our process in the Heme lab.... There was an email sent out about how to process a suspect sample what we can and cannot do from David Strongin.

The sample we receive are respiratory such as BALs, pleural fluids, other lung fluids. Use of PPE is required: N-95 mask and eye goggles or glasses, gowns.

We will do manual counts on the hemocytometer for these fluids. We will not be spinning - that rules out cytospin smears. We will just give cell counts.

 When suspect samples have been received they need to be de-capped in the Virology biohazard hood. There will be a microscope under hood in Virology. Sample plated under hood and hemocytometer count performed under the hood. Keep sample in a biohazard bag.

Vest fitting is here till Friday the 6th. And please indicate what size and color as well as male or female.

RCRA Waste management training is going on now check the schedule for when you have been assigned.

 The service road entry way to air rights is going to be closed for construction on March 16th. Think of an alternative way to come into work if you enter the garage from that road.

We will be having the Urinalysis Demos the week of March 23. A time will be set up for people to look at the instrument. March 23rd is the set up date and 1st demo day is the 24th and last day is the 26th.

Parveen went over the criteria for the overfill tube. If you don’t see any space (gap) between the cap and the plasma, the tube could be overfilled. Before canceling the tube as an overfill, You can open the cap and see if there is an extra drop and very close to the overfill line, the tube can be accepted as a borderline. If you are not sure, take a second opinion from your co-worker.