***Hematology Lab Meeting.***

**04/09/2020 @ 9:00 am**

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

Announcement:

The Coumadin Clinic is not doing point of care testing for INR. The tests will be split between YSC, Shoreline and North Haven Medical Centers.

3-M sent YNHH some N95 masks that were 18 yrs old. Please inspect them carefully for the rubber band might not be in good condition.

For Coags, the coag test volume has been increased by 20 times, specially Fibrinogen and D-Dimer. Thanks to everybody for doing a great job. Based on our current volume and to have a good workflow, there is a need to make some changes in the morning set up of the BCSXP instruments. For the instrument set up,

We will start with the daily maintenance, which takes hardly 7-10 mins. Do not start with the shift change, which will be done around 10-11 AM when it slows down. The same way for weekly and monthly maintenance can be done around noon time.

Regarding reconstituting reagents, Always make enough reagents to start with and load enough reagents on board to avoid more QC runs. For example, load at least 6-7 ml of Fibrinogen reagent on each instrument and make kit and half of D-Dimer reagent for each instrument. Always reconstitute 3 kits of D-Dimer and make it into two to load on two instruments.

Regarding loading patient racks, Always load one rack at a time. Do not load more than two racks and wait until it aspirates the patient plasma and reagents and then loads more.

Please see me if you have any questions!

David Strongin sent out an email about lunch break areas. We all need to exercise the 6 feet social distancing rule and not have your mask on in the break room either. According to the hospital policy we get 30 mins for lunch and two 15min breaks. 1 (15min) in the 1st 4 hours of your work schedules then the next in the other half of your shift. To aid in social distancing lunch breaks will be 30 minutes and will be scheduled. Morning and afternoon breaks will be 15 minutes each, and also scheduled.

On Tuesday Maverick will begin temping. She will train, but eventually go to the evening shift. She will be here Tuesday training ultimately her shifted the evening shift. The 2nd temp is starting April 27th and her name is Christina. She will be on the day shift. Also on Tuesday Loida the tech from the Orange lab will be training and helping out the lab.