***Hematology Lab Meeting.***

**06/04/2020 @ 9:00 am**

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| *Present:* |  ***John Errico*** |

Announcement:

Lisa Mehlin has accepted the Special Hematology Coordinator Position and will begin Monday 6/8/20

Smilow off sites and draw stations will be opening up on 6/15/20, with this Loida’s last day with us here in hematology will be 6/12/20. We thank her for her hard work in helping us these past months.

Testing of asymptomatic Health care workers will be conducted by appointment:

Monday – Friday, York Street Campus, East Pavilion Special Events Area, 7:30am- 4pm

Appointments can be made using the following link:

<https://ocucovidtesting.ynhhs.org/>.

The testing is in the special events areas of the main cafeteria and you will be swabbing yourself and results are expected in mychart within 48hr.

Validation on the new CS 5100 have begun and staff training is expected to take place in two weeks. We will keep you updated as this process continues.

Cytokine validations continue and we hope to complete in the coming weeks and go live with the test. It will be a batched test performed in the special hematology area.

We are going to work with Flow on an education binder for challenging and unique differentials and cases. There will be a log for identifying cases you wish to receive further information on and we will get the flow reports and details on the case to save in the binder. We will work to set up an in-service for understanding Flow cytometry testing.

If there is any testing going on in any of the labs, including our own, that you are interested in learning more about reach out to John and he will work with the other managers to set up an educational talk.

The ramp up for COVID testing continues and we thank you all for your continued hard work at making up the kits needs for testing.

PTO will continue to be offered on a case by case basis. Put in your requests and we will do our best to accommodate. Vacations up to a max of 1 week for the time being when the schedule permits and only one person can be out at a time. We will do our best to fulfill previously approved vacations requests but may need to make some adjustments.

Differentials: Please follow the protocols that have been put in place for performing Cellavison vs. WAM diffs. Remember that Cellavision is somewhat limited especially regarding abnormal diffs. When there is a high % of lymphs( 50%) and there is > 20 smudge cells present , the diff should not be performed on Cellavision. The smear needs to be reviewed and a WAM diff done. Also when there is the presence of blasts, immature and abnormal lymphocytes, the smears need to be reviewed and diffs performed on WAM. Please review protocols for differentials if you are not sure.

Urinalysis: we don’t need to use sterile water anymore. The use of distilled water is ok to use.

Reminder that the testing table of the Clinitek Status needs to be cleaned once per week and recorded in the urine maintenance log.

FYI: There is a planned protest on Friday, June 5 at 3pm on the New Haven Green that may go throughout the weekend. This will probably affect traffic on Rt. 34.