**Weekly Updates**

**January 3, 2013**

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| Test | Description of Change(s) | Affected Individuals |
| Michelle Kimber has MOVED. | Michelle Kimber, the diabetes education nurse, has moved to an office downstairs. Please put abnormal GTT result sheets in her mailbox in medical. If it is urgent that you speak to her, call her in her office. | All Staff |
| TAT for Flu/RSV | These patients (and providers) are **WAITING** for results. Run this testing ASAP. The expectation is results in 30 minutes. | All Staff |
| Main Lobby Furniture | New lobby furniture will arrive on January 21, 2013. ☺ | All Staff |
| New Positions | Sherry will send an e-mail when the new positions are posted. | All Staff |
| Changes to OB Drug Screens | Two changes for OB Drug screens.1. Now ordering **PAIN Urine screen** instead of THC and COC.
2. The Front desk staff releasing the order will print a copy of the PAIN urine screen order from EPIC and bring this to the T1 bench instead of the old paperwork.

T1 staff who pour over and label the urine will still sign this paper, add a date/time stamp and put red tape on the urine container.\*\* Non-OB urine pain screens do NOT need red tape and paperwork. | All Staff |
| Hazardous Waste | Just a reminder, the ACE Alera has 3 reagents that are hazardous waste.* **TP**
* **ALP Substrate**
* **Creatinine (Picric acid)**

These need to be capped and brought to the appropriate satellite container in the infectious waste room for disposal. Do not dispose of down the drain!See the Hazardous Laboratory Waste sheet for images and more information. | All Staff |
| Ictotests | Please notify Sherry or Denelle **when only 1 ictotest tablet remains** – we have some changes to notify medical staff and lab staff of when this occurs. | All Staff |
| INR Testing | INR testing should only be performed on:* **Patients ≥ 18 years of age**
* **Patients on Coumadin or Warfarin only.**

Please ask each and every patient to confirm they are taking either Coumadin or Warfarin. If they are not on these medications, then the patient needs a venous sample in a coag tube to be sent to HCMC for testing. If they do not know, check EPIC to see the medications they are on. | All Staff |
| ACE Alera Instrument Log | We now have an instrument log to document major events on the ACE Alera. It is found taped to the front of the cabinet under the instrument. Please record a narrative of what happened. i.e. problems, maintenance events, & troubleshooting This will make it easier for us to keep track of when problems/maintenance occurred. We will also learn from this log to prevent future events. | T2 Bench Techs |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**

* **None**