**Weekly Updates**

**May 2, 2013**

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| Test | Description of Change(s) | Affected Individuals |
| Schedule Changes | Starting on May 6 – we will start our new schedule. We will trial it for the month of May. Sherry will look for feedback at the next lab meeting (5/14/13). If necessary, we will adjust for the June schedule. | All Staff |
| OB Wipes | Please give out the OB wipes **ONLY** if a UA is ordered. They do not need to wipe with a pregnancy, drug screen, GC/Trich or MIALUS. If a patient has multiple tests ordered including a UA, give out the wipe. | All Staff |
| Hollister Bands | We have created a cheat sheet for using the Hollister bands. It is found in the file drawer where the Hollister bands/cards are stored. | All Staff |
| Patients with no lab orders | Occasionally, providers order urine pain screens and mistakenly order ‘Unit Collect’. This causes the order to ‘auto-release’. That means it does not show as a future lab and will say pending in a chart review. In Cerner, the order will have dispatch for a status and the time will match the time the provider ordered the lab in EPIC.  The providers would like us to look in the charts prior to turning patients away… they are working to fix the problem on their end (stop ordering as unit collect). | All Staff |
| New Signs | In Sendouts, there are new signs:   * STAT * Frozen * On Ice * Refrigerated Specimens   The stats will go on the outside of the courier bag.  The other signs can be used – 1 on the sendouts monitor and 1 on the specimen refrigerator to let all staff know when we have these “special” specimens.  They are stored in the top drawer in sendouts. | All Staff |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**