**Weekly Updates**

**June 6, 2013**

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| Test | Description of Change(s) | Affected Individuals |
| FIT Testing Incentive | We are now offering $10 Giftcards for our patients who return their FIT test (Fecal immunochemical Testing). If you see a patient has an order in EPIC, encourage them to do the test. Give them a new collection kit and the voucher, if necessary. They can get the GC on site from Kiran or Denelle, or by mail if they return their kit by mail. | All Staff |
| Eppendorf Centrifuge | This centrifuge is BROKEN ☹ We are working to fix this. Please use the StatSpin until this issue is resolved. | All Staff |
| Urine Tests requiring Preservative | **REVISION --- I was wrong!!! Please see addition below.**  FYI: After some research, the only 24 hour test that requires a preservative is:   * Catecholamines – 30 mL HCL * *Cortisol – 1 gram Boric Acid* | All Staff |
| INR Instrument Cleaning & Disinfecting | **This has been discontinued until further notice (as of 5/30/2013):**  See changes below (text lifted from the revised procedure).  These changes are a mandate from the manufacturer. Wipes are stored in the back left heme cupboard.  After each patient use remove a Clorox Dispatch Hospital Cleaner Disinfectant Towel with Bleach towel and allow any excess liquid from the towel to drip over a sink or container so the towel is damp but not dripping.  Wipe the outside of the monitor with the towel taking special care not to allow liquid to enter the monitor around the buttons and around Test Strip Guide.  It is important to gently wipe the top and side of the buttons.  Wipe the entire Test Strip Guide just enough until wet.  Avoid pressing down too hard.  Allow the monitor to sit moistened for 1 minute to allow the disinfectant to work fully.  If the monitor plastic becomes lightly cloudy, wipe with a water-dampened cloth.  Wipe the monitor dry with a lint free tissue taking special care to ensure the entry area to the strip guide is dry including near seams/edges.  If the following should occur stop using the device and contact Alere Technical Services at 1-877-866-5313:  Error messages appear when a test has not been performed Strop code changes without prompting Alere INRatio2 Monitor does not turn on Any other unusual errors not specified in the user guide |  |
| HCMC Lab Guide Link | Please attach this link to your computers – it is a much better link to the lab guide. It has a **search** function.  <http://infooncall/Departments/Laboratories/LaboratoryHandbook/index.htm> | All Staff |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**