**Weekly Updates**

**June 27, 2013**

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| Test | Description of Change(s) | Affected Individuals |
| Dermatophyte Tubes | We are now stocking Dermatophyte tubes in the refrigerator door. This tube is use for fungal cultures of dermatophytes. Dermatophytes are fungus that grows specifically on skin, hair or nails. If the provider requests one, take the tube out and give to provider. Remind the provider that the tube should warm to room temperature prior to placing specimen on slant. The tube can then be sent to micro at HCMC. This dermatophyte tube is superior to a sterile cup because there are antibiotics present in the agar to prevent bacterial contamination. | All Staff |
| Sysmex QC Storage | Kristin, from Sysmex, has given us some tips to help us extend the life of our QC.   * Do not warm more than 15 minutes prior to running QC * Try to get product back in fridge as soon as possible; no more than 30 minutes total time out of fridge is ideal * Place QC in a fridge that is not opened and closed often * Do not store in door of fridge * Do not store directly under a fan in the top of a fridge unit; that location can be too cold and/or fluctuate too much   --As a result we will be moving where we store the QC. | All Staff |
| Reagent Refrigerator | As you have noticed – the reagent refrigerator has been rearranged. We have moved the controls out of the door to limit their temperature fluctuations. ☺ | All Staff |
| New Centrifuge | It is much easier to get the caps wet when removing specimens from the new centrifuge. Please pay special attention to the fact that the caps need to be dry to sample on the ACE Alera and remove specimens from the centrifuge accordingly. | All Staff |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**

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