**Weekly Updates**

**July 25, 2013**

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| Test | Description of Change(s) | Affected Individuals |
| T Spot TB Test – Further Clarification | **“Please send to laboratory M-F by 4pm on the day of collection or by 9am the next morning.”** **DO NOT SPIN TUBES**. Send at RT to HCMC. Test must be performed within 24 hours. If drawn after regular evening courier on M-Th, **leave out at RT and call courier first thing next day**. Do not draw on Sat or Sun or the evening before a holiday. | Phlebs/All Staff |
| ESR – Labeling Change | Effective immediately, label the ESR skinny vacuum tubes with a peon label rather than the barcode label. The larger labels were interfering with the test. | All Staff |
| 3 Hour GTT – Patient Prep change  | This has changed. The patient prepares for the test by eating a normal diet. They fast for 8 hours prior to coming in for the test. | All Staff |
| CO2 Calibration Frequency Change | CO2 will now be calibrated every 3 days. Generally, Mon and Thursdays. | Bench Techs |
| Completed ESR tube storage | Just a quick reminder – we do save completed ESR tubes. Because the tube is so skinny, they fall out of the rack. (and then shatter on the floor ☹) So there is a small bin in the fridge door where we can store these tubes safely instead.  | All Staff |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**