**Weekly Updates**

**September 19, 2013**

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| Test | Description of Change(s) | Affected Individuals |
| Cerner Labeling | Labeling standardization -- there is a right and wrong way to label tubes with Cerner barcode labels. The patient name should always be oriented to the top of the tube. Also, do not cover the EPIC name and MRN completely, if at all possible. Just place the Cerner label slightly below/beside the EPIC name or MRN. | All Staff |
| Pap Labeling | Per the Cytology laboratory:It is not necessary to put a label on the pap smear vial provided that there is an EPIC label. Simply put the Cerner labels and the EPIC printout in the specimen bag along with the specimen. | All Staff |
| Non-lab collected specimen Labeling | We are working with providers/MA’s to standardize our labeling practices. This includes the ‘standardized practice of labeling.’ We have recommended that all specimens simply be **labeled vertically with an EPIC label with the patient name near to the top of the specimen**. Having a standardized way to label tubes does not mean that we won’t accept tubes labeled differently, rather it is a way to make things simpler for everyone. So if yuou get a specimen from medical that is labeled differently, please accept the specimen without any discussion about how it is labeled. | All Staff |
| Creat Range changes | The creat ranges for L2 have changed. The adjusted ranges are on the clipboard.

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| Creat - Changed 9/19/13 | 5.0 | **NOT OK - RPT** | **NOT OK - RPT** | 4.48-5.52 | 5.53-5.78 | >5.79 |

**If you get a low QC result (<4.47), you must treat this as outside 3SD. No patient testing can be performed until you get an acceptable result.** | Bench Techs |
| Urine Drug Screens | These tests do not specifically need to be refrigerated. It is ok if the bag is kept on the sendouts counter, similar to the PAP’s. Keeping them on the bench might reduce the frequency that they get forgotten… ;) | All Staff |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**