**Weekly Updates**

**November 14, 2013**

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| Test | Description of Change(s) | Affected Individuals |
| Flu/RSV Season | We have declared the Flu season open at NorthPoint. Please perform testing for any specimens you may receive for Flu and/or RSV. | Bench Techs |
| RSV Backup | **Please order another MB RSV**, if your Binax RSV result is negative. This is our back-up ‘culture’ for now. Then transfer the test to the Viral bench and send to HCMC. This is in the same manner we transfer MIALUS to the Roche DNLD.  **Flu or RSV - NPH Micro Lab Bench → Viral**  When this is done, it will then be eligible for the transfer list.  See Denelle if you have questions. | Bench Techs |
| HIV Combo | The specimen requirement for this test has changed:  EDTA is preferred, but testing can still be performed on SST if there is an add-on request. | Bench Techs |
| Direct Bilirubin Reagent | The ACE Alera Direct Bilirubin analyte uses 2 bottles -- please remember to replace both bottles. | Bench Techs |
| Expected Dates | In EPIC, please look at the ‘Expected Date’ prior to releasing orders to ensure that a future date hasn’t been chosen. If the date is in the future, DO NOT RELEASE that lab. | All Staff |
| !! Reagent Inserts !! | FYI: We still remove the chemistry reagent inserts (when you first open a box of any reagents), write the date and place in the in-basket for filing. | Bench Techs. |
| Benefits | Just a reminder, that it is **OPEN ENROLLMENT**. Please login in to APEX and make any changes that are necessary for your 2014 benefits. | All Benefit eligible Staff |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**