**Weekly Updates**

**December 12, 2013**

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| Test | Description of Changes | | Affected Individuals |
| HCMC Study Specimens | For specimens going to HCMC for research, please apply a yellow research sticker to the specimen and deliver to sendouts. For FLU and RSV please write our results on the outside of the vial in marker pen.  This applies to these specimens:  FLU result +/-  RSV result + only. | All Staff | |
| D-Dimers | Please send these specimens in a timely manner…  If specimens will be picked up in our first pick up and performed the same day, no action is necessary.  If specimens are collected after that first pick up then call for a STAT courier. | All Staff | |
| HCVAB | Please draw an extra tube on these and send with the labeled tube until further notice. | All Staff | |
| Courier Changes | We are changing expectations regarding the courier:  **The closer must confirm that the courier bag has picked up the bag prior to leaving for the day.**  If the bag is still here after a scheduled pick up, or a ‘stat’ pickup after regular hours is needed, please stay until the bag is picked up. In certain circumstances, the courier may be cancelled and specimens can be sent first thing the next morning rather than waiting for the courier. Consult with Sherry or Denelle if you feel this needs to be done. | All Staff | |
| INR procession verification | We have confirmed with HCMC that INRs are good for 24 hours without any processing. If an APTT is also ordered the tube must be spun and frozen. | All Staff | |
| School faxed results | We have sent a new face sheet to both North and PYC for them to use to send their test results to us on. The form has just one patient/sheet so it will eliminate the need for them to cross off old patient info. | All Staff | |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**