Weekly Updates

May 2, 2014

Test	Description of Changes	Affected Individuals
Things to send via STAT courier	Send these tests STAT, even when they are not ordered STAT. • INR's when instrument was >4.0 (If possible, please order as STAT in Cerner) • DD (D Dimer) • Trop • Baby Bili's with result > 18.0	All Staff
STAT specimens	Call for STAT courier. Label specimen with STAT stickers. Put stat sticker on print-outs also. If with other non-stat specimens, you may put an orange STAT notification inside the pocket of the clear biohazard bag. Also place an orange STAT notification on the outside of the courier bag.	All Staff
CO2 Calibration Change	Starting ASAP, we will be placing a new reagent bottle each Monday. On this bottle we will immediately calibrate it. We will also Calibrate on Thursday am's.	Bench Techs
Photos	This coming Monday May 5th we will be taking photos for an employee photo board. So do what you would like to be ready for a photo on Monday! **If you are not here, no worries, there will be another day to get photos.	All Staff
Pediatric Tubes	We are standardizing our treatment of pediatric tubes as follows: Phleb labels pedi tubes with peon label.	All Staff

	Phleb places pedi tubes in a clear plastic holder tube & labels vertically on holder tube with medium barcode label. When transporting to HCMC, tape pedi tube to holder tube with a small piece of tape. **You will now see a rack in T2 for tubes that need to be run.*	
Reminder	If you replace a CO2 or Creat reagent bottle, you should recalibrate and perform QC. (This will not happen regularly with the new plan of placing new reagent each Monday, but is worth reminding y'all.)	All Staff
OB Pain Screens	Starting immediately, (May 1st) we will no longer be placing the tamper proof tape, or printing/signing the attestation on this group of specimens. The OB patients will be treated like all other Pain Screens.	All Staff

Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes: