

Weekly Updates

October 6, 2014

Test	Description of Changes	Affected Individuals
Ionized Calciums	Ionized Calcium (ICA) testing must reach HCMC within one hour of collection. Please call a 45 minute stat courier as soon as you know that one is being drawn. Continue to send on ice.	All Staff
Daily Milipore Temp	Effective immediately, the temp on the Milipore unit should be taken daily. If you push either of the arrow buttons on the right the temp will display. Push it again to get out of the temp mode. It's on the daily start up log.	Techs
INR's	We should be switching today to using the CoaguChek for our INRs. Remember that you should be using the first drop of blood to run the test and any result > 4.0 needs to be verified with a specimen drawn and sent to HCMC.	All Staff
INR processing	There are new INR pour off tubes to use when sending specimens to HCMC. They have an orange cap. Please start using them when sending coags to HCMC.	All Staff
QA Database	Updates to the QA database have been made and put into production. You now need to have a new shortcut for any computer you are using made. Please ask Denelle or Sherry to do this for you when you are logged on.	All Staff
Chemistry	There are new job aids for chemistry QC. There is one for Reviewing QC, Repeating QC and Manual QC. They are at the front of the flip chart.	Techs

Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes: