

Weekly Updates

December 4, 2015

Test	Description of Changes	Affected Individuals
HIV testing	Effective December 1, 2015 all patients between the ages of 15-65 will be screened for HIV. The CDC is recommending this action. 20% of people with HIV are unaware that they have it. So, will start seeing an increase in HIV testing. We will likely see an increase in the rapid HIV testing we do here also.	All Staff
Nurse visits	Due to the limited appointment availability Medical is probably going to experiment with doing some nursing visits where nurses will see patients for some common reasons. More to come if/when this happens.	All Staff
Blue slips	We will be expanding the blue slip pilot to include a couple of peds needs and then putting it out for all providers to try. Then we will reevaluate it after a month or so. No actual start date as we have to get some blue slips printed up and distributed.	All Staff
Sperm in Urine	We have requested that sperm found in urine of females 12 and under will become a critical value where a provider must be notified.	Bench Techs
EPIC	Just a reminder, do not go into a patient's medical record without a valid work related reason.	All Staff
Forgotten Badge	If you forget your badge, you can go and get a temporary badge from either Kimry Johnsrud or Charles Morrison in administration. Please see Denelle or Sherry for assistance.	All Staff
Flu and Cold Season	With flu season fast approaching, I wanted to remind all staff that if a patient is masked, you should also be masked. The N95 masks are in the cabinet under the walkie talkies.	All Staff
Ebola screening	We should continue screening our walk-in patients to see if they have traveled outside the US in the last 21 days. We are still at risk, so screen our patients.	All Staff

**Nicotine
Screening**

This test is not directly orderable. Instead instruct the provider to order a urine drug screen. They should add, 'Note presence or absence of nicotine' in the comments section.

All Staff

Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes: