**Weekly Updates**

**September 13, 2012**

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| Test | Description of Change(s) | Affected Individuals |
| Cuvettes for the ACE Alera | Please inspect all cuvettes prior to loading on the ACE. Broken or cracked cuvettes should be discarded.  | ACE Alera Operators |
| A1C Label Changes | Please label the specimens with the medium barcode label. Then sendouts will attach the small peon as the extra label for the result printout. | All Staff |
| Pap Smear Labels | Please label the pap smear vial with the medium barcode label placed vertically. The vertical label can be scanned by the barcode scanner in sendouts. | All Staff |
| Closing Changes | * Clean tray and replace liner in both pass-through windows. Leave tray sitting out on the counter. This allows the janitors to clean the pass-through inside and out each night.
* Turn off all Afinions.
 | All Staff |
| Duress Alarms | To use the new duress alarm button, you need to press and hold for 2 seconds. | All Staff |
| Candy for Kids | We have on occasion given children candy after phlebotomy. We will use up the candy we have, but not replace it. When it’s gone, that’s it. Secondly, only give the candy to patients whose a) parents give their consent and b) who are done with all appointments at NP and are leaving after the blood draw is complete. | All Staff |
| MTS | MTS is now being used for competencies. You are notified via e-mail when a competency is added that you are required to perform. The link in the e-mail will bring you directly to the website to perform the competency. | All Staff |
| Critical Result Reporting | Critical results should **only** be called to or delivered to an **RN team lead, pharmacist (for critical INR’s) or a provider**. Calling the results to an MA or Tiana is not acceptable. | All Staff |

**Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:**

* **None**