**Weekly Update 8/23/2021 (Bi-Weekly!)**

**A quick bi-weekly update for all Chemistry Team members:**

**Hospital News:**

Remember there are vaccine appointments readily available. Just call the Vaccine Hotline: 215-456-8088

Questions you may have re: the merger with Jefferson may be addressed to MergerQuestions@Einstein.edu

There are quite a few resources available to employees for stress and burnout. Just call Livewell to inquire about these.

**Chemistry Updates and Reminders:**

1. Our ED Troponin TAT has been getting progressively worse. Let’s keep an eye on this and get it back where it should be. We had an unexpected downtime last month but we’ve barely been making the cutoff in the recent past. BNP is much better.
2. RE: Valley Forge Orders. Last weekend, we got 4 specimens for the UDS (VFMC 7DRUG) – if you see this, please give them a call and question it. I am fairly certain that this is an error on their part – they need the Methadone offered on the “VFMC 8DRUG”

I don’t like having to do this checking but they are in the midst of a huge change at their facility and will appreciate the help!

1. Please don’t forget that there are Medtraining events to follow up on.
2. When Abbott orders are checked in, please DO NOT check off in two different places – use only the “Packing List” if it is available, not the “Suborder” with SKU numbers on the left. Use the “Suborder” only if it is the only list available.
3. Please tell me how things are going with the PAT/SPU orders that are separated on two different accession numbers. Please send me the FIN or MRN of any split orders that you see from these (or any other) areas. I have been addressing any that I see on the Pending Log and getting questions and responses about the process.
4. Please don’t forget to follow through correctly with “trending to normal” results.

Getting the same result as the last draw (within 3 days) is not trending to normal.

BTW, with outpatients, the time allowed since the last draw is 7 days.

And if a results trends towards normal then gets worse again, it must be called.