**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. Vaccination is now required and must occur before 10/15/2021.

“Booster” doses for COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are indicated only for those with immunodeficiency at this time.

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

The five-member survey team that reviewed our organization against over 2,600 standards. Throughout the four-day survey, our visitors were extremely complimentary of the great job our staff does each day. They commented on the dedication and commitment of the staff, how engaged and friendly they were, and most importantly, how they could observe the high quality of care and focus on safety that we have created in our organization. While survey teams will always find things, the overall result was one that continues to show the commitment and dedication to our patients and the community that we serve.”  It was all for the patients!!

**Chemistry Updates and Reminders:**

1. Please be sure to follow any instructions left by Allan re: the instruments. He is

not and should not be the only one to follow through on necessary extra requested maintenance and troubleshooting.

If there are instrument issues that he takes care of when there are two other Techs scheduled, one should be working with him to learn. And if there are not two other Techs scheduled, please let me know and I will cover.

There is a great deal that he is responsible for and his “desk” time is necessary. Thank you!

1. Please remember to put issues with the instrument and troubleshooting performed in the maintenance log. General notes only about problems in the communication log.
2. Our ED Troponin TAT has been getting progressively worse. 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.
3. Please don’t forget that there are Medtraining events to follow up on. If you are not familiar with how to respond to Medtraining, please ask! Thank you!
4. A couple of items from the exception reports:
5. I saw a phenobarb that was almost 50 and all drugs should flag when over therapeutic. I need to investigate to check on all to see if they actually flag in IM. The result was not called.
6. A Troponin was trending to normal but the previous was 35 days prior – previous must be within same admission if an inpatient and within 7 days if an outpatient.