**Chemistry Update 6/5/2022**

**Hospital Updates**

While it is sometimes difficult to keep up with general hospital news, please make every effort to do so as we transition to new processes with Jefferson. Keeping email updates in a specific folder is helpful so you can find things easily. Please ask if you need help setting this up in your email.

**Chemistry Updates**

1. After Friday 6/27, I will not be here, except for June 1, to assist with the monthly statistics. My daughter is getting married on 6/4 and after that I am on FMLA through the 3rd week of July. Allan will address and forward tasks, like ordering, to the correct person.
2. In the event that we are low on product for the instruments:

You may NOT assume that we will just send testing to EMCP. This decision must be run by me or another supervisor. We only send what we absolutely must do. In the past week, we have had two items that ran out or were dangerously low in inventory.

Syphilis testing - Only L&D patients - was sent over to EMCP with the “Covid runs” for the weekend until reagent was received on Monday.

We also got down to less than 10 BNP tests.

If I am not here, **someone must call Abbott,** speak to customer support and check on the arrival date for the product. They may ask for information that you do not know, such as PO#’s. But you can give them the Abbott product number and they can tell when it was last ordered and when we will receive it.

The order is always placed the first few days of the month. It must then be approved by Pettina, then by Sasha. This may take days. The order info is on the clipboard that we are using to order and receive products, so you can tell from there if/when the item was ordered.

1. Please be careful to load AM specimens on the analyzers ASAP. We are not meeting the expected TAT for these specimens.

**REMINDERS:**

1. We lent Ammonia reagent to Elkins Park – which is ok. It was not logged on the logsheet that we keep. Please don’t forget.
2. Please keep working on your competency forms for this year so there is no rush in August.
3. All Healthstream assignments MUST be completed by 7/1/2022.
4. Please put inventory cards back in the hanging file when you receive a product; do not leave it on the door.
5. Do NOT use the packing slips provided by Abbott to log what is being received. Place these on my door. Do not write on them. A copy of the ordering sheets will be left at the desk (or on my door, or on Allan’s desk) and the # of items received will be logged there.
6. Please do not put any packing slips on the Abbott clipboard that are not Abbott.
7. Allan is not the only Tech who can take responsibility for CAP specimens. Please don’t let them sit if he or I are not here.
8. Please put some thought into the comments that are added to results. I think every clinician understands the significance of hemolysis on a K+ result. But if you note that an LDH specimen is hemolyzed, be prepared to explain how that may affect the specimen if we are called on it.

Also, please don’t indicate just “Repeated” on any result. Why was it repeated? Was there a sampling or instrument problem? Do we not believe the result? A simple “repeated to check” or “repeated to verify” is better.