**Chemistry Update 2/10/2023**

**Hospital Updates**

While it is sometimes difficult to keep up with general hospital news, please make every effort to do so. 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.

We had a recent Supervisor’s meeting and there are updates for all staff. These include:

1.The Annual Mandatory Education Training is due by 09/2023.

2.Please note the employee recognition effort. There are postings on the bulletin board in the hallway.

3.Any suggestions for future recognition is appreciated.

4.Open Staff positions are PRN Evening Tech, FT 3rd shift Tech, PT dayshift Tech, Hematology

One OnPoint issue in January that Chemistry was involved with:

-a stroke alert on 2nd shift resulted in an add-on Troponin not being resulted for approx. 3 hours

**Important Reminders:**

1. Please don’t forget to put your initials when entering notes about who and where you called a result.
2. Please do not put notes about instrument maintenance in the communication log. It MUST go on the maintenance log sheet for the instrument.
3. When the Millipore system was down (and the C Side of the Architects) the log of what was done was very thorough. Also, keeping a list (or labels) for specimens sent out is appreciated.
4. Do not put results in the comment field. An example is when a physician requests that a specimen be diluted – as we recently saw with a very high CK – please enter the final result in the result field as a corrected result –The provider will not see them unless they choose to go to the comments. I realize that sometimes, only a certain number of digits will fit in the result space
5. I am still working on the changes to procedures, results and the GLS for HIV, RomPlus and FFN.
   1. All HIV presumptive Positive L&D patients, as well as all RomPlus and FFN results must be called.
   2. This info will also be in the GLS (Guide to Laboratory Services).
   3. The comments after the result will change also.
6. Don’t forget to keep an eye out for ED TROP TAT. Specimens must be resulted in less than 35 minutes. ED Trop TAT was 84% for December. We must get 85% or greater. We’ve done well with BMP and BNP. January was better!! Yay!
7. Please remember to log all reagents/products that we lend to other labs on the sheets hanging near the schedule. Also, please note when they are returned. There are soooo many that it appears we have never been received back - but I don’t know if the list was just overlooked or the reagent was never returned to us.
8. Anuja’s weekend in February is covered. Thank you Francine and Michele!!
9. We now have a BioRad control for Cardiac tests.
10. When placing a patient order, please do not ever type in Dr. Belser’s name for the ordering Physician if it is missing. If it is an ER patient, the doctor is listed in Pathnet on the ED Tracking List. Last choice: put UNK for unknown physician.
11. During the last instrument downtime, we learned something about transferring specimens to their

Pending. We must have a specific pending log open in order for the transfer function to work: **EMCM Automated Chem Pending.** We are usually in EMCM CHEMISTRY ALL PENDING.

Going forward, we should always transfer the specimens for tracking purposes. Instructions are in the Yellow Book, courtesy of Allan. Thanks!

**SAFETY CALL**

1. If there is a patient related issue with Chemistry results during the night, please let Tom know.

There is a Safety Call every morning where representatives from every area of the hospital are on the call and required to report any significant and/or patient related events. The recent erroneous TROP was asked about on the call and no one knew what to say.