**Chemistry Update 04/10/2023**

**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.

This year’s Annual Mandatory and Required Education (AMRE) is underway. Employees have until **Monday, October 9, 2023** to complete their AMREs, providing nearly six months to complete the courses.

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. Beginning Monday, March 27, 2023, COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic patients will no longer be a requirement or a recommendation.

3. Open positions/statues: vii. 21494 (Evening)-1 PRN Evening Tech- vacant for 1 year + viii. 21494 (Night)-1 PRN ix. \*21494 (3rd shift)- 1 FT Technologist x. 21482 (Heme)-Part time (56hrs) Dayshift xi. 21486 (PRN) – 1 PRN Micro Technologist xii. 21496 (Evening)-1 PT Evening Phlebotomist • Bonus-$75 (4hrs) & $150 (8hrs) \*\*Follow proper steps (OT or comp days first!

4. Masks are optional in the Lab (same model within the Jefferson Enterprise)

5.Currently waiting for the testing of the electrical system installed to handle the instrument validation and the new analyzers. This will happen 5/19 and 5/21 at 8:00 PM with a 1 hour downtime of ONLY RED OUTLETS. Stay tuned for details. The Millipore system is to be installed 5/24. Then the first instrument to be delivered 5/25 and the 2nd one the following week.

6. Please continue to work on turn around time for TROP from the ER.85% must be completed within 34 minutes. See notes below under Reminders:

7.OnPoint issues that Chemistry has been involved with:

March:

-Stat testing delays. STATS from ICU sent with routine took longer than the routine tests.

-Two stoke alerts that were delayed. If for some reason you are not alerted to a stroke stat, please let me know.

April: None

**Important Reminders:**

1. The order HA1C with reflex to glycomark is not a test that will automatically reflex. The glycomark must be sent out – **only if the ha1C is between 6.5 and 8. (>6.4 and < 8.1)**
2. Turn Around Time for Troponin from the ED for FY 2023:

July: 86.2%

August: 86.6

Sept: 84.9

October: 87.5

November: 87.2

December:84.0

January: 86.2

February: 83.2

March: 81.8

April : 83.0

Our “Benchmark” is 85% resulted within 34 minutes. The volume of TROP over these months is from 1327 to 1635. Interestingly, 1635 TROP was from January with 86.2%. So it does not appear to be volume related. Green top tubes must be placed on the Analyzer ASAP. Thank you!!

1. There were only 15 hemolyzed ED specimens logged in April. We rarely see less than 30 so I’m thinking they are not getting logged?

**SAFETY CALL**

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.