**HEMATOLOGY
MINUTES**

**MAY**

DATE: 5/3/2023

PRESENT:

 **Day Shift**: Louise, Dan, Virginia, Isamar, Emma

 **Evening Shift**: Sharon, Kwame, Souman Duc

**Epic Upgrade**

1. Next EPIC Upgrade is weekend of 7/15
* Testing begins 5/1 and goes thru 6/26/2023
* Louise will be doing the upgrade testing for Hematology
* Evening shift will be helping in Chemistry.

**Hematology**

1. Blood Parasites/Malaria:
* QC for parasites is being changed from staining a QC slide to checking the stain reactivity. Day shift documents stain reactivity daily on the P -drive. It will be everyone’s responsibility to ensure that the stain quality of the parasite smears is adequate and notate on the parasite worksheet.

B. Hemolysis-Blue tops

* Beginning Monday 5/8/2023, we are changing our tolerance for hemolyzed coag specimens (pt/ptt/fib/ddi) from no hemolysis to a hemolysis index of ≤ 3. Be sure to do a clot and volume check then use the following instructions to check the Index:
1. Run the hemolyzed specimen, the specimen will flag for hemolysis
2. Double click on the specimen to open the specimen graph
3. Click on the graph
4. Click on Measurement info and look for hemolysis and the corresponding number.
* If the number is 1,2 or 3 you may validate the results as long as there ***are no other issues with the graph (check the yellow detail*** ***box)*** the result can be verified. If you get a less than for PT and/or PTT or a No Clot, then ask for a redraw.
* If the Hemolysis number is 4 or 5 send the specimen for a redraw
1. BCQM
* Please complete the training module for BCQM. All user training must be completed

before we can officially begin using the program.

1. CEU Documentation
* Reminder to document all CEU’s on the P-drive(P:\Laboratory\Hematology\! CEU)
1. Microscopes
* Please clean your microscopes and microscope lenses at the end of your shift. For the lenses, use an alcohol pad and lens paper to clean and use a different alcohol pad to clean the stage area.
* Document (starting Monday 5 /8/2023)on the end of shift checklists.



 **Belated APRIL :** **Donna MAY: Dianne**

 **Louise Loida**

 **Cheryl Kwame**