**HEMATOLOGY   
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 2023**

DATE:10/12/2023

PRESENT:

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

**Evening Shift**: Duc, Souman, Fei

1. **2024 Benefits:**

* Information should be coming out at the beginning of next week( week of 10/16)

1. **Performance Reviews:**

* Please complete self-evaluations by 10/31/2023
* All performance reviews must be completed by 11/19/2023. Merit increases will be in the 12/7/2023 paycheck

1. **CAP Inspections**

* Mock CAP inspection in the next couple of weeks. Inspection to be performed by the YNHHS Quality team.
* CAP inspection window opens on 10/26/2023 – early January. Inspection team is coming from St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

1. **Epic Upgrade:**

* The system is switching from Epic Hyperspace to Epic Hyperdrive sometime between 1/2024-3/2024
* Dry testing only beginning on 11/6/2023 and needs to be completed by 12/15/2023

1. **Home Health- Critcal calls on MBH**

* Critcal result notification for patients in Home Health: Use the Mobile Heartbeat dynamic role to search for ***Home Hospital Mission Control Doctor***

**Hematology**.

1. **TEG 6s Correlations:**

* Beginning next week (10/17/2023), the floors will have easier access to ordering the current TEG 5000’s. We should be getting more Teg orders so that we can do the correlations on the TEG 6s analyzers.
* Please review the Teg correlation procedure which can be found on the P-drive(P:\Laboratory\Hematology\MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES\2023), and the end of the minutes, and if you have not done so already, please read the policy and sign off on MTS training.
* We are looking for volunteers who meet the criteria ( are not on coag affecting medications/supplements) and are willing to donate a few vials of blood to validate the reference ranges. On the TEG 6s.

1. **October Competencies:**
2. **iSED:** Quizzes are in a folder in the fluid area. Please complete the quizzes by 10/28/2023.
3. **CEU Documentation:** Reminder to document all CEU’s on the P-drive(P:\Laboratory\Hematology\! CEU)

* Techs not on the Career ladder:
* MT’s need 3 CEU’s/year
* MLT’s need 2 CEU/year
* CEU’s from MTS Training can be used to meet requirements.(Dry Ice, Formaldehyde etc.)

1. **Micro tests:**

* **Cepheid Infinity**: Training is almost complete. Validation has been completed. Once the procedure is available and signed off, we will go- live. As of now, the plan is to have Hematology run ED’s, but that may change..
* **Gram Stains**: Please continue to practice performing and reading gram stains- Micro has provided some gram stain slides with results that can be used to practice reading the stains, they are located on the fluid bench in a yellow bucket. Please be sure to return the slides to the slide tray when you’re finished.

1. **SYSMEX Update**

* New Sysmex 9100 is scheduled to arrive sometime mid-2024.
* Caresphere will be taking the place of WAM. We will be updating and changing some rules , critical values and critical value look backs for standardization across all Delivery networks in YNHHS.

**REMINDERS**

* NEW LOT QC: **PLEASE**: when opening the last box/container of QC, check the Lot number on the next container of QC . If the lots are different, Let Kathy know so that we can start new lot verification. This is a regulatory requirement.
* NEW LOT CALIBRATOR:
* Trinity A1C: when using a new lot of calibrators run QC and 5 patients from the previous lot of calibrators using the new lot of calibrators.
* Fibrinogen/D-dimer new lot calibration: run 5 patients from previous lot on the new lot.
* PENDING LISTS:
* Please pay attention to Pending lists. If you notice a Specimen that has been pending past the expected TAT, find out why.
* If there are manual or fluid differentials with MD interps on the list, check to see if the interp has been resulted, if it has been resulted, please take care of the differential.
* FLUID SLIDES:
* Please scan both fluid slides for before performing differential. If one or both slides have a scant number of cells and the WBC/TNC is >10 then new slides should be made.
* All slides should be labelled properly with a slide label or the patient’s last and first name and specimen number.

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