**HEMATOLOGY   
MINUTES**

**September 2024**

DATE: 9/5/2024

PRESENT:

**Day Shift**: Louise, Emma, Dan, Lisa , Susan, Hiram

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

1. **YNHHS**

* Employee Engagement survey: 9/9/2024 to 9/22/2024
* Part of the PIP payout- Please complete.
* JR is looking for volunteers to work on the YNHHS Laboratory Newsletter.

1. **UPDATES:**

* **Hematology**
* UB Student (Nadia) starts on 9/10/2024 and will be in Hematology for 7 weeks.
* We have the following projects starting:
* Validation of a New TEG 6s Cartridge: Susan
* Beaker upgrade testing: Dan, Emma, Hiram
* Validation of Spun Hematocrit Centrifuge: Louise
* The Hemolysis tolerance level for coag tests has been changed to ≤ 4+ (was < 4+)
* “Do Not Spin” has been added to the TEG labels.
* Night Shift will begin performing SP-50 maintenance on 10/1/2024.
* Shutdown 2 takes 45 minutes which holds up results, so it makes sense to do the maintenance during less busy times.
* The blood Parasite procedure and resulting of parasites is currently being updated to remove “refer to Microbiology for ID” and add % parasitemia and binax now components to the results.
* The pH buffer chart for Malaria has been added to the P-drive (P:\Laboratory\Hematology - BH 38020\Maintenance Charts and QC charts\2024 CHARTS\MISC 2024)
* Please call EVS (336-7378) to remove Methanol waste when there are 2 full containers.
* Please complete the BSC and Centrifuge training by the endo of the month (9/30/2024)

BSC

* <https://www.train.org/connecticut/course/1041976/>

Centrifuge

* <https://www.train.org/connecticut/course/1073746/>
* **Outpatient Redraws:**  **New Workflow**
* Lab staff alerts Customer Service via the *Add Follow up* task in Beaker.

1. Click on Add follow-up task

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1. Add comment (reason for redraw) and click on accept

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1. Once the follow-up task has been added, order a redraw for the specimen

* **Micro**
* Verigenes will be moved to Hematology on 9/12/2024
* RVP and EP will be sent to Yale while the instruments are validated.
* For positive Cepheid, RVP and EP, please note what is positive on the tube.
* Cepheid Maintenance:
* Weekly maintenance: Evening Shift
* Monthly maintenance: Day shift
* Quarterly maintenance: Hiram
* Please remember to document gram stains and C-diff EIA on the P-drive
* **MISC**
* Monthly/Bi-Monthly QC:
* Day shift: Cepheid, Plt Mapping, Binax Now
* Evening Shift: Verigene (RVP and EP), Teg Trauma
* Night Shift: Mono, Teg Global Hemostasis
* **Additional Info not discussed in Meeting-**
* Please review the Critical call policy – If you are unable to communicate a critical value after 3 attempts, you MUST notify the pathologist on call.
* The follow-up Worklist is everyone’s responsibility. If you see a critical result in the follow up worklist from a previous shift, DO NOT ignore it- call the result.
* There was a critical ANC in the follow-up worklist from Wednesday evening until Monday morning
* **Caresphere flags and alerts and slide reviews vs Manual diffs**
* Please pay attention to the alerts and flags in caresphere. When you are scanning a slide and see anything abnormal. Bands, Meta’s, atypical lymph’s, etc., RBC morphology (schistocytes, hypo, target cells ) or the automated diff and the cellavison diff don’t match, you MUST perform a manual diff. **If in doubt, do the diff.**
* Also, when scanning WBC’s, you must classify the cells before confirming the scan.
* The alert below requires a manual differential not a scan/perform diff if indicated. A few techs are just reviewing the smear and not doing a differential.

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