After the CAP inspection, changes have been made to some of our procedures and processes in Hematology;

1. Fluid cell count sheets (CSF and body fluid)

* If the counts from both sides do not agree within 10% and must be repeated, all corrective action must be documented on the worksheet). New CAP requirement.
* Fluid Cell Count Procedures CSF and Body Fluids and Meditech Worksheets
* 402.FLD.04.0020 402.FLD.04.0021

2. Crystal Exams on Synovial Fluids are Send Outs (Low Volume, controls and competencies required), specimens should be sent to

Baystate Medical Center

3. The micro hematocrit centrifuge has been retired. No Proficiency Test, no controls.

* 402.HM2.01.003

4. If there are 10 or more NRBCs on a peripheral smear, use the F4 “get” comment NRBCORR (corrected for NRBCs) to record the original WBC count and the number of nucleated reds.

The original WBC must be part of the permanent report. Once we discard the paper reports, there is no way to retrieve the original count).

* 402.HM2.01.0029

5. The Criteria for Pathology Smear Review now includes “Intracellular Inclusions (RBC and WBC) which may be parasites (Erlichia, Malaria, Babesia, etc.)

* 402.HM.01.0019

6. We have a new procedure for Malaria and Babesia. We will do the Giemsa staining on days. All shifts will screen slides and, if slides are positive, refer them to Pathology for identification. The procedure will be attached.

* 402.HM.06.0021

7. Corrective Action Logs are now at the Ruby station to the right of Ruby 1. Please document control failures, instrument issues and problem resolution for both analyzers. (CAP requirement).

* 402.HM2.01.0025

8. FIT Testing (Fecal Immunchemical Testing) is now offered as a take home kit. We have had limited orders so far and will process and perform the test on days. You may receive calls regarding how to order the test;

Orderable as: Meditech –FIT, Fecal Immunochemical Test or Fecal Globin

ECW- Fecal Globin

* 402.UR.04.151

The card supply in the back storage next to the Hemoccult Sensa Take Home Kit.