Spotlight on Transfusion Medicine Services

Our Transfusion Medicine Services Team impressed AABB officials during a recent successful inspection. Many new projects are planned or in progress. One such improvement is the replacement of existing ice chest coolers for blood transport with more efficient coolers utilizing gel packs instead of ice. Lab staff will no longer need to rely on ice production once these are in place and validated up to 24 hours rather than the previous 4-hour limit. Other highlights include:

- Pneumatic Tube System delivery of Blood Products
- Cs Irradiator Replacement
- Remote blood refrigerator for ER
- Electronic MTP Orders
- New Blood Products being introduced to UCDMC
- Liquid Plasma
- Whole Blood
- New Blood Products being produced in-house
- Reconstituted RBC
- Washed Platelet
- Divided RBC

Welcome Newcomers to Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Phlebotomists:

Benito Ramirez  Mai Yang  Lorena Torres

Client Services

Melissa Peat-White

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Director’s Message

Many thanks to our laboratory professionals who guided us through a successful College of American Pathologists (CAP) accreditation inspection this past December. We also passed a recent AABB inspection in Transfusion Medicine Services with flying colors. We are always looking for process improvements, and we appreciate your continued support and good ideas – keep it coming!
**CLS Program Looks to Improve and Expand**

As our Clinical Lab Scientist training program continues to be one of the largest providers of certified CLS trainees to the regional workforce, we invited a panel of experts to examine our program and recommend improvements. Carola Howe, Director of Kaiser Education & Training Department; Karen Honeycutt, Program Director with the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Judie Nocera, UC San Diego CLS Training Program Director, met last month with our advisory committee, lab supervisors and administrators, as well as trainees and recent grads. Their report, expected later this month, will help guide the future of the program. “Our CLS training program is a source of great pride for our department,” said Professor and Chair Dr. Lydia P. Howell. The reviewers’ experiences may help us “adopt new educational approaches and technology to update our curriculum,” Dr. Howell stated. Stay tuned as we implement new ideas!

Trainees Megan Dickerson, Jiun Lee, James Bui, Nada Sayed and Jeremy Wong will graduate at the CLS ceremony in their honor 12:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2019

**New Tests and Projects Underway in Pathology Labs**

**Clinical Chemistry**
- Automated Roche Line – the chemistry automation line is expected to be installed by the end of this year.
- THC—new test available.
- Improved process for Monospot methodology

**IHC Stain Validations in AP Lab**
- TSH – clone 0042
- LH – clone C93
- FSH – clone C10
- GH – Polyclonal
- ACTH – clone 0213
- HVS I & II
- STAT 6 – clone EP325

**Microbiology**
- Biofire Blood Culture ID Panel
- Biofire Gastrointestinal Panel
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Transfusion Services:  
David Tran, CLS, PM Shift

Microbiology:  
Michelle Truong, Micro Lab

Anatomic Pathology:  
Nirali Shah, Temporary PA

Christie Harrington, HLT

Lily Beth Caldito, HCLA

My Tuyen Thi, Per Diem Histotech

Chemistry:  
Karen Ma, CLS Specialist

Chem 2/Toxicology:  
Gurdev Dhahan, CLS

Om Prakash Mulukala, Per Diem Histotech

Zulfiya Mahmood, CLS

Pamela Seid, CLS

Roper J. Cervania, Per Diem Histotech

Immunology:  
Banita Sanpathy

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Dates to Remember:  
12:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, CLS Graduation & Induction