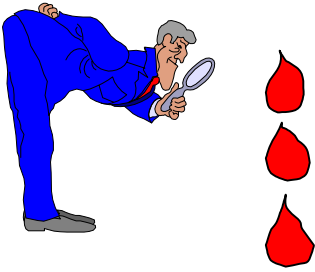


ANOTHER *BLOODY* NEWSLETTER! AUGUST 2000



Welcome to August, and the start of the fall semester! The summer just passes too quickly!

We would like to welcome three new emergency techs to our clinical pathology staff:

Tammy Bounds is a sophomore veterinary student with 3 years of experience as a Medical Technologist in Wyoming and 1 year of experience with the Advia, our new hematology instrument.

Matt Brooks is a freshman veterinary student who obtained his B.S. in Biology (Anatomy) last year and is concurrently working on his masters in Epidemiology.

Kelley Moss has a B.S. in Animal Science and Microbiology and plans to apply to Vet School this year. She also is applying to Graduate School in either Animal Science or Microbiology.

STAT and ASAP Requests:

For faster response time, please announce that you are leaving STAT or ASAP blood work in the clin path window, or ring the bell if no one is there. Thanks.

Chemistry:

Amylase, SDH, and Triglyceride are now available as part of a Recheck

Panel. New automated forms will reflect the change.

The Albumin method is now free from interference by hemolysis and lipemia. Also, the previous Albumin procedure required serum only. We are in the process of analyzing the data obtained from recent sample collections to confirm the ability to use heparinized plasma as well.

Hematology:

Recently, we did a survey regarding the importance and impact of the plasma protein as part of the CBC. The results were split between keeping the plasma protein and deleting it, so for the immediate future, we will continue to perform the plasma protein with CBCs.

Quote of the Day:

"A pessimist makes difficulties of opportunities. An optimist makes opportunities of difficulties."

Reginald B. Mansell

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