

ANOTHER *BLOODY* NEWSLETTER!

September 2006



Goodbye:

We want to say a heart felt goodbye to Cindy Jones, who is resigning her medical technologist position and moving back to Tennessee, where her family resides.

Emergency Surcharge

Clin Path will be charging an additional \$25 surcharge per case if additional cases are added onto the callback for the emergency techs.

Welcome:

We have three new “faces” in Clin Path: Dr. Amy Miller is our new Clinical Pathology resident. Amy Daley is our new emergency tech; she is beginning the MBA/DVM program this fall. Our new front office employee is Karen Krautscheid. Please welcome them.

ASAP vs. STAT requests:

As Soon as Possible (ASAP) requests will be run as quickly as possible, based on current workload. These should be reserved for times when treatment depends on results (as chemo, surgery). *STAT* requests indicate the need for other work to stop so the *STAT* work can be completed and should be reserved for **life and death** situations only.

Diagnostic Tests Specimen Requirements:

CBCs	Chemistries	Fluids	Urines	Blood Gases
1)EDTA 2)Heparin* 3)Na Citrate*	1) Serum 2) Heparin	1)EDTA 2) Clot tube** 3)Heparin***	1)Cysto 2) Cath 3) Void	Heparin

*EDTA is preferred for most species. Heparin is poor at preserving morphology. Na Citrate has increased dilution in all parameters.

** Clot tube is needed for culture.

*** Synovial Fluids: Heparin is preferable because EDTA interferes with the mucin clot test. The best method is to make direct smears, then place it in heparin or a clot tube if the mucin clot test is desired.

EDTA and heparin tubes should be at least ½ full and ALL tubes containing anticoagulant should be mixed 8 times after filling.

Biosafety in Clin Path:

We are a Biosafety Level 1 Laboratory. That does not mean that we can not do Biosafety Level 2 projects. Please give us notice of a week before submitting any of these projects to us. We also request information regarding your Biosecurity Profile. According to the CSU Guide for Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories for Biosafety Level 2, “Cultures, tissues, or specimens of body fluids are placed in a container that prevents leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport, or shipping.”

The CSU web site for the Guide for Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories is:

http://portal.research.colostate.edu/rcoweb/ib/ib_hb_mbl.htm

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