



Memorandum

Date: September 10, 2015
To: FMC, PLC, RGH, SHC Maternal Care Units, Obstetricians and Gynecologists
From: Christine Hopkins, Flow Cytometry Laboratory Supervisor
Re: STAT Fetomaternal Hemorrhage Testing (FMH)

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Key Messages

“STAT” Fetomaternal Hemorrhage testing that requires reporting in less than 24 hours and falls outside the regular Flow Cytometry work hours, must be approved by the Hematopathologist on Flow Cytometry service.

Background

- “Routine” requests for Fetomaternal Hemorrhage are reported within 24 hours of collection.
- “STAT” requests for Fetomaternal Hemorrhage require reporting in **less than 24 hours** of collection.
- Flow Cytometry regular work hours are Mon-Fri 07:00-20:15 and Sat 09:00-17:15. If the Monday is designated as the statutory holiday, the regular hours of operation on the Saturday will be switched to the Sunday.

Importance/Impact

The Flow Cytometry department has been experiencing a marked increase in the number of STAT requests for Fetomaternal Hemorrhage testing.

Action Required

Contact the Hematopathologist on Flow Cytometry service to approve all “STAT” requests for Fetomaternal Hemorrhage testing outside of regular Flow Cytometry working hours.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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