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Transfusion Medicine Working Group

As identified in our Strategic Priorities for this year, we will be reforming our Transfusion Medicine Working Group. The following individuals have been identified as representatives on the team and we are looking to pull this group together within the next month. Team members include:

Sandra Fazari—HRLMP
Krista Walters—NHS
Suzanne McIntee—WLMH
Allahna Elahie—JBH

Veronica Scheipel - HRLMP
Nancy Johnson-Manels—NHS
Marisa Ciarmoli—WLMH
Linda Gaskin—JBH

Preliminary objectives for this team include opportunities for sharing expertise, a plan for test standardization across the Network as well as potential consolidation of some testing as identified in the previous working group. Stay Tuned!

Did you know??

The Laboratory Medical Directors from all hospitals in the LHIN meet on a quarterly basis to provide medical leadership and strategic input into hospital planning. .

LHIN Laboratory Quality Management Team Quality Improvement Plan

This team has finalized the indicators and metrics that we are tracking on a monthly basis and created a Quarterly Report that summarizes all the information that is being captured.

This will be circulated to all of your hospitals during the month of October so keep an eye out for this compilation of data and to see the action items for improvement.

Many thanks to the efforts of this team for diving in deep to each metric to determine indicators, calculations, standards and how they are calculated !

Annual Work Plan

In September the LHIN Laboratory Council approved the Annual Work Plan for the 2013/ 2014 Year. Immediate focus areas continue to be implementation of the Regional Microbiology Strategy and the Quality Management Team. We will be building on the Transfusion Medicine and Hematology recommendations from the previous working groups as well as working to determine what type of governance model works best for the Regional Laboratory Network. We will continue to report out regularly on progress on all items!

Message from our Executive Director, David Langstaff.....

October is a big month for the LHIN Laboratory Network as we begin implementation of our Regional Microbiology Service. The Hamilton General Hospital is excited to welcome 4 staff members and all testing from Joseph Brant Hospital's Microbiology department—starting on October 15th. Work from the Niagara Health System will begin to arrive in January. More importantly, the medical and administrative leaders from all organizations have worked together to make this strategic vision a reality in our region! There are many more initiatives we will be working through this year as seen in the Annual Work Plan note above. Should you have any questions or comments on any of our strategies, please reach out to me at AskDavid@hhsc.ca. **Happy Halloween!**