



CLINICAL PRACTICE CHANGE

Bone Marrow Collections in Rural Setting June 25, 2012

Date Effective: June 25, 2012

Change in or New Test Procedure:

DSM Hematology Discipline is implementing **rural bone marrow aspirate and biopsy collection and processing/transporting protocols**. The protocols are meant to standardize and harmonize these processes, and improve the yield and quality of material, which will allow for a diagnostic work-up according to current standards of practice.

The collection protocol includes a recommendation for a consultation between collecting physician and hematopathologist prior to scheduling the procedure. This very important exchange will guide evaluation and use of ancillary studies.

There are also provisions to optimize timing of collection and transport. These will help with turn around times (TAT) and expediting triage and processing of ancillary studies as appropriate.

Successful collection and processing of bone marrow samples is directly correlated to proficiency with the procedure. It is essential that all those involved are sufficiently trained and maintain competency. DSM Hematology Discipline recommends periodic refresher workshops for sites with low numbers of collections.

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