



June 9, 2014

PROCEDURE CHANGE

CONSOLIDATION OF BONE MARROW PROCESSING

Date Effective: June 23, 2014

Background Information:

- The SBH bone marrow service has been processing local and community hospital bone marrow specimens for Hematopathologist interpretation, while the counterpart HSC service processed the rest of the provincial specimens.
- There is a pressing need for adequate space for blood cross-matching services on site at SBH.

Change in Procedure:

- In order to accommodate the expanded blood bank functions at the DSM Hematology Laboratory SBH, the bone marrow processing service located in that space will be transferred to the HSC site effective June 23rd, 2014.
- Both teams (SBH and HSC) involved will endeavor to continue providing the service in a seamless manner.
- There will be no change in process for Hematopathologist assessment and reporting
- The Hematopathologist on service at SBH will have continued responsibility for these specimens.
- Process outcomes such as TAT will be monitored to ensure continuous quality.
- Bone marrow slides will be retained at SBH Hematology.

Patient Impact:

- None expected

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