**LESSONS LEARNED WITH NEW CONTRACT**

What did we learn as we were transitioning from the old contract to the new one?

* Numerous sites shipped specimens to CDD using the old test code 104. This caused delays in testing because sites needed to re accession those orders using the new test code **HIV105** (HIV-1/2/AG/AB4G)
* New CHCS barcode labels needed to be printed- Old orders using the test code 104 (past the cut-off date) needed to be cancelled from CHCS. We recommend sites to check their pending lists to be sure you do not have any more HIVs ordered using the old test code.
* The laboratory personnel at the CHCS sites received numerous concerns from providers asking which test to use to order their HIVs especially those using order sets. This was corrected by the dissemination of Lab Notes in each command providing details to CHCS users. Communication is always the key to a good transition.

**WHAT’S NEW IN THE CONTRACT**

* In support of the requirements outlined in the revised SECNAVINST 5300.30, NBIMC will follow CDC’s 1 Oct 12 recommendation to provide one-time Hep C screening of “baby-boomers” (born between1945-1965). A panel was generated so that the HIV and HCV on the baby boomers can be ordered together. The test to be ordered under code 334 is currently at a non-orderable status until test validation is completed. NBIMC will be sending updates on test activation.
* Change in testing algorithm to align with CDC and Prevention HIV testing recommendations (June 27, 2014):

 

* Discontinue use of HIV-1 WB.
* Confirmatory testing for HIV, HCV and HBV will be performed by HIV Diagnostic and Reference Laboratory (HDRL). This is the Army Reference laboratory located at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) in Silver Spring.

Note: HCV and HBV tests are ordered by recruit sites only.

* HDRL will perform:
* HIV-1/2 Ab Differentiation Immunoassay (Geenius)
* Aptima HIV-1 RNA Qualitative - Nucleic Acid testing to rule out Negative or HIV-1 Indeterminate results from Geenius testing.

**NO CHANGES IN CONTRACT FOR THESE:**

* CDD still provides the HIV testing supplies to the Navy, Marines and US Coast Guard
* CDD will perform the HIV screening for all specimens submitted using the Navy contract.

**NEW SST TUBES**



Above is a picture of the new BD Vacutainer tube that CDD began shipping to our sites in December 2016. We request that the sites rotate their stock of HIV tubes so that any unexpired Greiner Vacuette tubes (tubes with a red/yellow top) are used before using the new BD vacutainer tubes.

**CDD has tested both the BD and Greiner brands of needles and holders with the BD blood tubes. The needles and tube holders from both manufactures are compatible with the new tubes.**

**With this change, NBIMC (and CDD) hope to see a decrease in the need for pouring off CONUS samples. Unnecessary pour off samples only increases the possibility of errors. Additionally, CDD will be purchasing new O-ring caps for the pour off tubes for better sealing. This will eliminate time consuming steps for the sites like para-filming each tube.**

**OBSERVANCE OF JANUARY 2017 HOLIDAYS**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**-NBIMC will be closed on Monday January 16th in observance of the MLK Observation Day. CDD and FEDEX will be opened for normal business hours, so there are no shipping restrictions.

**INAUGURATION DAY-**NBIMC will be closed on Friday January 20th to observe this holiday. Both CDD and FEDEX offices will be opened for normal business hours on Friday January 20th**.**