



Physician News Brief

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Active Medical Staff Meeting- Tuesday, June 19

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 19 for the next Active Staff Meeting. It will begin as usual with lunch provided at 11:30am followed by the meeting being called to order at noon. It will take place in the Cooper Lecture Theatre. If you have any questions about the meetings, please contact the Medical Staff Office at 583.4133.

Changes to Clostridium Difficile PCR Order

Beginning June 2018, there will be a change to the Clostridium Difficile PCR order. For the past five months every hospital-associated C. diff infection has been thoroughly investigated at a monthly meeting. This meeting had representatives from Pharmacy, Nursing, Infection Prevention and Environmental Services. It was determined that many of the stool samples sent did not meet criteria for testing. With the approval from the Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Prevention and Control Committees, it was decided to move forward with alerts within the C. diff order. This alert will require the ordering provider to answer questions before testing, such as the number of loose stools in a 24-hour period, sign and symptoms, as well as laxative use. This will better align with the current policy and allow more accurate testing and treatment of patients who have active C. diff infections. For any questions, please contact Bethany Gurrero, Infection Prevention Lead, at 583.4324.

MModal Fluency Direct- New Way to Access Program

Physicians needing to launch MModal Fluency Direct may now be required to manually access the program via either the MModal FD Hyperlink on the desktop (fig 1) or accessing MModal FD from the start menu (fig 2). If you have any questions please contact the I.T. Help Desk at 583.6014, Transcription System Administrator Nicole Hood 583.2711, or HIM/Transcription Manager Sherri Davidson 583.6070.



fig 1

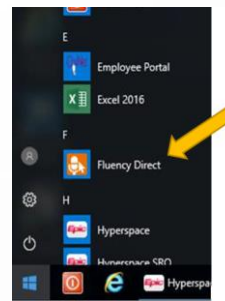


fig 2

Important Lab Update- Changes to APTT Ranges

Effective July 2, 2018 at 9 a.m. Covenant HealthCare Laboratory Services announces a revised Therapeutic range and critical value for the Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT) test. This is a result of a reagent lot number change. Non-Therapeutic values have not been revised. Please see the chart below. Expanded heparin infusion orders available at <https://www.covenanthealthcare.com/Uploads/Public/Documents/Workfiles/Lab/Lab Update 2018.pdf>

Please share this information with the appropriate staff members. Refer questions regarding this change to Daniel Warner, Core Laboratory Coordinator, 583-6746 or Dr. Nicholas Hruby, Laboratory Medical Director, 583-6703.

Test	Current Reference Ranges	Current Critical Values	New Reference Ranges	New Critical Values
Therapeutic APTT	61.0-106.0 sec.	>106.0 sec	64.0-117.0 sec	>117.0 sec



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