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BLOOD BANK

The Stem Cell Laboratory of Transfusion Medicine Services has been collecting peripheral stem cells from both children and adults since January 2010. Three patients have subsequently undergone transplant with engraftment in each case.

The Division also completed its 14th AABB inspection cycle with NO nonconformances on 07 April 2010.

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CYTOPATHOLOGY

The Cytopathology section and Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, at King Abdulaziz Medical City, received a new SCDP addition to the team in early February, 2010, Mrs. Wafa Al-Shareef, and her positive contributions are immediately appreciated.

The section was inspected by Dr. Dean Pappas, during the recent formal College of American Pathologists accreditation inspection on April 13-14, 2010, and neither deficiencies nor recommendations ensued for this section.

The exemplary results from the CAP inspection attest to our commitment to providing utmost best cytopathology diagnostic service to our patients.

The section continues to consider and thereafter implement new technical procedures and platforms that collectively improve the overall quality of the service provided. In the future, the overall FNA service will be revisited and appropriate arrangements implemented to accommodate the growing demand for prompt diagnostic support; that must also be in-tune with the new applicable quality management regulations.

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The Director of Cytopathology, Dr. Hanaa Bamefleh, and all staff of Cytopathology Section are commended for their diligence, ambition and unwavering performance.

HEMATOLOGY

The Hematology lab continues to conduct case study sessions as part of continuing education for the staff. Saleh Al Omary, Mohammed Zakour and Ms Maria Imelda Magat went for advance training for the coagulation analyzers in Jeddah on April 20 and 21, 2010.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Saleh Al Omary who was appointed as the safety officer for Hematology section.

RECEIVING

The ACC and Receiving Sections of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine have tremendously improved through the years. One of the demonstrations of the section's progress is the recent CAP Reaccreditation last April 13-14, 2010, both sections passed with flying colors and no citations were given. However, a lot of improvements are to be implemented such as a new pre-analytical machine will be installed in a couple of weeks or months to improve the quality of pre analytical processing. The "TECAN" will enable to minimize the errors during the handling, aliquoting and distribution of the specimens.

Staffing plays an integral part for the betterment of the operations of the Lab. There are receiving staffs who will be transferring to other sections namely:

- Maria Theresa Inocencio for Special Chemistry
- Janice Josol for Hematology
- Rosaleeh De Leon for Chemistry
- Julie Ann Velasco for Chemistry

Our congratulations to all! We wish them the best in their chosen field.

On the other hand, we would like to welcome the following who recently joined the department as Phlebotomist:

- Analyn Catbagan
- Marites dela Cruz
- Jill Toyong
- Marijoy Abrigo
- Channel Laher
- Reynaldo Sales
- Rosario Cordova
- Melanie Sillicay
- Katherine Dalangin
- Daisy Baring

- Erika De Torres
- Isabelita Pacursa
- Shaydee Farah
- Giovanni De Belen

SEROLOGY

The Serology Division is having Dr. Dario Campana from St. Jude Hospital, USA, visiting on June 26-28, 2010 to give hands on workshop on minimal residual diseases in the Flow Cytometry section. This event is organized by the Training and Development in associated with our Laboratory.

TOXICOLOGY

The Toxicology division of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine wish to congratulate Mona Sawaji who has been promoted to Med Tech I effective May 15, 2010. Mr. Mazen Sheerah attended a seminar on drugs of Abuse in Jeddah on May 5-6, 2010