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Transfusion Medicine Working Group

Did you know??

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital and Hamilton Health Sciences are amalgamating to create a coordinated and leading edge health system to serve patients in their shared communities, now and in the future.

The first meeting of the Transfusion Medicine Working Group occurred on November 28th. Some of the immediate opportunities that the team identified include:

- A network of reference people / contacts for ordering tests and blood products
- Access to Transfusion Safety Officers when needed
- Standardized education in the area of transfusion safety for laboratory and clinical staff
- Guidelines or thresholds for transfusion across the LHIN
- Standardized SOPs
- Access to patient information using Clinical Connect/ Medinet to eliminate multiple and discrepant patient histories
- Facilitating patient transfusion therapy across the LHIN i.e. homecare, transfusion in long term facilities.

This was a great first meeting and over the next couple of months the team will finalize its workplan, review with the Laboratory Medical Directors and continue to keep you informed!

A Holiday Message from our Executive Director, David Langstaff.....

As the year comes to a close, I am so excited for all of the efforts our teams have made towards creating a full integrated, leading practice, best in quality, regional laboratory medicine system. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your contributions in the many areas we've worked on all year....Quality Management, Transfusion Medicine, Point of Care, Regional Microbiology, LIS Integration, and running our day to day high quality laboratory operations have kept everyone very busy....THANK YOU!

Into January we will continue to build our regional microbiology network by integrating the work from the Niagara Health System, continue our planning for integrating the laboratory operations at West Lincoln and Hamilton, build our work plan for Transfusion Medicine and continue to work together in an integrated manner. I'd like to wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season filled with joy and meaning. Many thanks again, David Langstaff.

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