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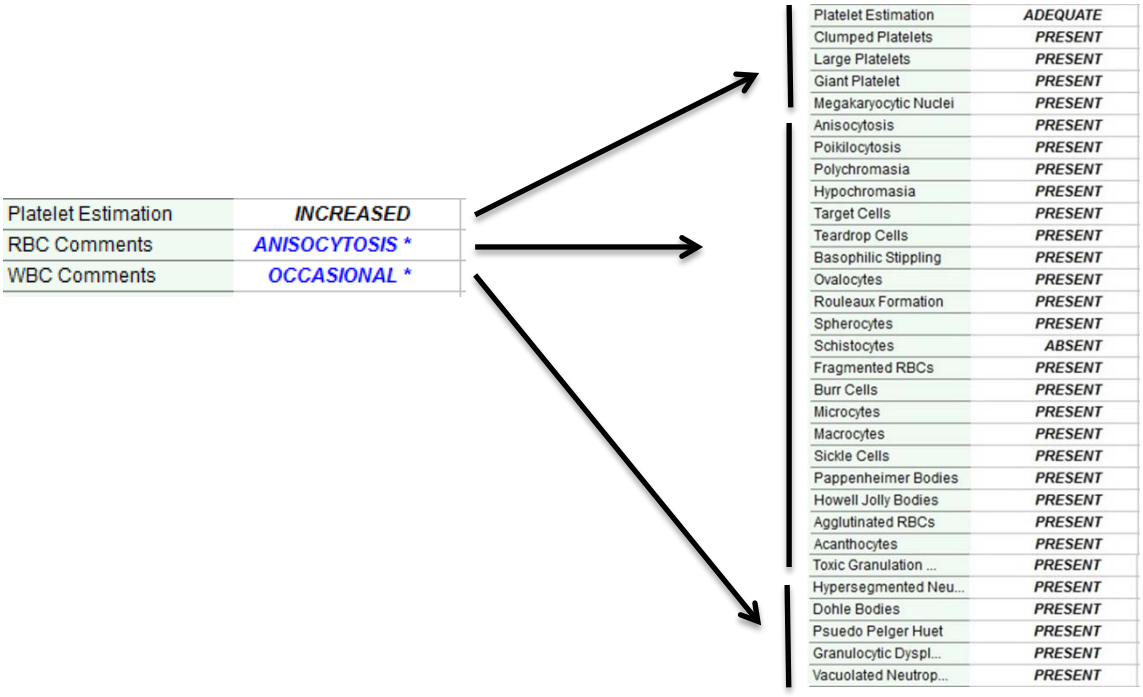
RE: Changes in reporting of CBC and Differentials

On March 20, 2018, the hematology laboratory will transition to a mandatory upgrade of work area manager (WAM) used for reporting hematology CBC and differential results generated from the Sysmex hematology analyzer into the EMR. The upgrade will be accompanied by two significant changes:

1. Morphology: Currently, Platelets, RBC and WBC morphology are reported as text embedded in a single row designated Platelet estimation, RBC comments and WBC comments respectively. This will change to each description appearing as an individual result in a separate row to allow for review of all morphology aspects without having to click on the comments



Platelet Estimation	*INCREASED*
RBC Comments	*ANISOCYTOSIS **
WBC Comments	*OCCASIONAL **

Platelet Estimation	*ADEQUATE*
Clumped Platelets	*PRESENT*
Large Platelets	*PRESENT*
Giant Platelet	*PRESENT*
Megakaryocytic Nuclei	*PRESENT*
Anisocytosis	*PRESENT*
Poikilocytosis	*PRESENT*
Polychromasia	*PRESENT*
Hypochromasia	*PRESENT*
Target Cells	*PRESENT*
Teardrop Cells	*PRESENT*
Basophilic Stippling	*PRESENT*
Ovalocytes	*PRESENT*
Rouleaux Formation	*PRESENT*
Spherocytes	*PRESENT*
Schistocytes	*ABSENT*
Fragmented RBCs	*PRESENT*
Burr Cells	*PRESENT*
Microcytes	*PRESENT*
Macrocytes	*PRESENT*
Sickle Cells	*PRESENT*
Pappenheimer Bodies	*PRESENT*
Howell Jolly Bodies	*PRESENT*
Agglutinated RBCs	*PRESENT*
Acanthocytes	*PRESENT*
Toxic Granulation ...	*PRESENT*
Hypersegmented Neu...	*PRESENT*
Dohle Bodies	*PRESENT*
Psuedo Pelger Huet	*PRESENT*
Granulocytic Dyspl...	*PRESENT*
Vacuolated Neutrop...	*PRESENT*

2. Six Part Differential: In addition, the laboratory will transition to reporting an automated six part differential instead of the current 5 part differential. Currently the automated differential includes Neutrophils, Eosinophils, Basophils, Monocytes and Lymphocytes. All other cells trigger a manual review of the smear that requires additional time and delayed reporting. Starting March 20, 2018 the six part automated differential will include immature granulocytes in addition to the 5 current parameters. When the fraction of promyelocytes, myelocytes and metamyelocytes counted together is less than 5%, this will be reported in a single value as percent and absolute immature granulocytes. When greater than 5%, the percent will be reviewed manually and reported individually for each of the cell type.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Clinical Hematology Laboratory at 2-1314 if you have any questions.

Reference: Fernandes B, Hamaguchi Y. Automated enumeration of immature granulocytes. Am J Clin Pathol. 2007 Sep; 128(3):454-63.