

**SIQAG Minutes**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011 09:30 am CHL**

**Present:**

Liz Pugh, Phil Clark, Rob Allan, Klarie de Jong, Jackie Wright, Chris Harper, Ken Beechey, Linda Henshaw, Dave Patterson, Graeme Erickson, Graeme Bennett, Rebecca Brosnan, Alison Doorey.

**Apologies:**

Brent Bishop, Steve Gibbons, Ruth Spearing, John Pettit.

**Matters Arising from Last Years Minutes :**

- Terms of reference are still valid and true.
- Reference ranges still valid.
- CHL Waikato samples still show MCV to be low. CHL Waikato samples are transported at 4 degrees. Waikato have sent duplicate samples at 4 degrees and by normal courier post for CHL to test. This has shown the MCV changes are due to the transport temperature.

**NorthQAG Minutes Discussion points:**

- **Immature Granulocytes** : CHL and West Coast only labs reporting these. MedLab could if they can retrieve analysers. Some Sysmex analysers have IG master software available that will report IG's. Immature granulocyte count includes myelocytes and metamyelocytes. Needs to be a consensus on how these are reported.  
**To Action: All** - Think about how you would report IG.  
**To Action: Ken** - Circulate NorthQAG survey for Imm Grans
- NorthQAG looking at order of CBC reporting.
- **Atypical Lymphs**  
Reporting of these may be discussed and documented in the future.  
i.e. should they be counted individually in a diff?

**SIQAG Chairperson :**

Phil Clark agreed to act as the Chairperson for the Haematology SIQAG.

Liz Pugh has agreed to take over if Phil cannot complete the year.

**Cumulative Results in Éclair** : Update from Alison Doorey.

Individual labs results will show in Éclair but these still will not all cumulate together. No message at the bottom of the screen to inform that there could be other results available that have not cumulated.

**To Action : Alison** - Contact Éclair team re time frame for results to cumulate.

**To Action : Alison** - Check that calculation for NRBC is correct for Med Lab results.

**Other Issues.**

- GB : Out of town test results done at CHL show on Éclair, when results are sent back to the requesting lab and results entered on their system the results show up again in éclair, i.e. results show twice from two labs. Alison replied that was how things are reported, and it is an information management issue.  
**To Action : Alison** - Look at documents and talk to John Moody
- GE : APTT have no normal paediatric range only a literature reference. Dave replied wide age range for children and need to avoid unnecessary extra testing. Own reference range required, it is hard to get enough paediatric samples for meaningful results that is why the reference is to the Melbourne Paper by Dr Monegal. Currently there is not direct link to the paper.  
**To Action: Ken** - Set up an email group for SIQAG and circulate NorthQAG minutes.

**Meeting closed 10.05 am**