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Director's Message

A little over two months ago we sent out a survey designed to give veterinary practitioners an opportunity to let us know how we are doing in providing diagnostic service and how we can improve. We are pleased that so many of the respondents had very positive things to say while still offering suggestions. We clearly recognize from the survey that communication is an area that needs improvement. This is the first issue of a newsletter we will send via e-mail or fax with information on new tests, new faculty and technical personnel, interesting diagnostic challenges, and changes that may improve submission of samples or obtaining laboratory results. To receive future newsletters via e-mail, send us an e-mail at vdldirectoroffice@vetmed.illinois.edu.

In subsequent newsletters we will address other suggestions made by survey respondents. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas that will allow us to better meet your needs, please feel free to contact me or anyone in the Director's office at vdldirectoroffice@vetmed.illinois.edu, or 217-333-7259. Questions and comments will be directed to the appropriate individual to provide you with the best possible response.

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Clinical Pathology Consulting

Several veterinarians asked about the availability of consulting on cases in the area of clinical laboratory data interpretation. The faculty and residents in clinical pathology are available to provide this service whether the data are generated here at UI-VDL, at another laboratory, or in your practice. Please recognize that it may be more difficult to interpret such things as hematology data (especially comments on morphology) if the slides are not here to review. For this consulting service, call 217-333-5342. You will most likely reach a technician in the laboratory, who will put you in contact with a clinical pathologist. Consultation from other sections of the VDL is also available by calling 217-333-1620.

Online Reporting of Results (WEBVAD)

As a client of the VDL you can receive test results and reports via fax, e-mail, internet, or postal mail. The online service is referred to as WEBVAD and is accessible to you once your clinic has been assigned an ID and password. Privacy is maintained in that only you will be able to view results and reports for submissions from your clinic. The advantage of WEBVAD is the immediate availability of test results as soon as results are verified. You can see which tests have been requested but are still pending. Results may be printed at your clinic. Results and reports remain available online for 90 days. For more information on this service or how to request access, go to www.vetmed.illinois.edu/webvad, call 217-333-7259 or e-mail vdldirectoroffice@vetmed.illinois.edu.

Future Topics

The VDL is approved for USDA testing. Watch for more information on AIV, FMDV, and CSFV surveillance.

Individual faculty and their special interests and skills will be highlighted in upcoming issues. Dr. Carol Maddox, Associate Professor and Section Head of the VDL Microbiology Section, will be featured in our next newsletter.