



CLINICAL PRACTICE CHANGE

Sample Recollection Requests Following Unsuccessful Blood Testing July 17, 2014

Date Effective: Immediately

Background Information:

- There are no clear guidelines on what the process is for samples that have been unsuccessfully tested for various reasons.
- Because of the time lapse involved between the original sample collection and any potential recollection, clinical conditions of the patient may have changed and required testing should be assessed.

Change in or New Test Procedure:

- Effective immediately, all unsuccessful testing of blood specimens would be communicated to the ordering physician via the electronic report.
- A new test order must be initiated by the physician if testing is still required.
- In cases of suspected critical results, laboratory directed recollections will continue as per current practice.

Patient Impact:

- This practice will enhance patient care by minimizing misunderstanding between the ordering physician and the lab on the need for a recollection as a result of unsuccessful testing of a blood specimen.
- Unnecessary recollection of blood samples will be minimized in cases where the ordering physician indicates testing is no longer required.

More information:

For questions and concerns, please contact the DSM contact person below.

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