



To: UPHS Physicians

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Re: Additional Temporary Flow Cytometry Sendout Testing

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As you are all aware, the Flow Cytometry Lab has been facing staffing issues over the past few months. In an effort to decompress the lab, it was decided a few months ago to send out MRD, tissue, and PNH testing. In order to perform all testing in house and deliver quality assays and analysis in an efficient manner, we need to focus on training the staff. Effective today (Thursday, July 28th, 2022) we will send out all non-urgent peripheral blood samples to ARUP Laboratories. We will be keeping all STAT samples, defined as those that have the indication of "blasts" or "others" on the peripheral blood smear, for in-house flow cytometry.

Any questions or concerns regarding specimens can be brought to the attention of Noelis Prieto and Amy Tojino.

We appreciate your patience during this time and as we train our staff and will update you with any changes in the future.